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Kyiv to get F-16s in a U-turn of U.S. policy

Biden bends to pressure and won't stop allies from sending jets to war

BY KAREN DEYOUNG, DAVID L. STERN AND JOHN HUDSON

After months of U.S. insistence that Ukraine did not need F-16s to fight its war with Russia, Washington finally relented to pressure, agreeing not to stop allied nations from sending Kyiv the advanced Western fighter jets it has long desired.

Ukraine now hopes to have U.S.-made F-16s flying as early as this fall, following U.S. agreement to allow third countries to transfer the aircraft, according to an adviser to Kyiv's Ministry of Defense.

"If we all pull our weight … and decisions are made quickly," Yuri Sak said Friday, "I would estimate that end of September, early October, we could see the first F-16s flying in the Ukrainian airspace."

While the planes will not be available for the Ukrainian counteroffensive expected to begin within weeks, the speed at which decisions are being made to supply them at all has been headspinning.

For more than a year, getting F-16s into the skies above Ukraine for use against Russia has been Kyiv's holy grail. But the Biden administration, with more than 1,000 of the planes in the U.S. arsenal and at least that many having been sold to allies and partners around the world, repeatedly said no. The United States retains the right to veto other nations transferring the planes to third countries.

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Brig. Gen. Mykhaylo Drapatyy, Ukraine's commander of an operational group of troops in Kherson, walks through a trench in the southern region. As Kyiv prepares a counteroffensive, intrigue builds over where it will occur, and Kherson is among the possibilities.

Ukrainians train for cross-river attack in south

The Dnieper is war's most immovable front, and a place for surprise

BY ISABELLE KHURSHUDYAN AND KAMILA HRABCHUK

KHERSON, UKRAINE — Every night in Ukraine's southern Kherson region, soldiers file into small dinghies to cross the Dnieper River and bring the battle closer to their Russian enemy.

The sprawling waterway, with Russian and Ukrainian forces posted on opposite banks, is the war's most immovable front, a barrier to transporting troops and supplies. But as Kyiv readies a highly anticipated counteroffensive, an attack on the river's east bank might be the one place where the Russians could be caught by surprise.

"In the history of war and military art, there are many examples of crossing a water barrier — a river landing or a sea landing," said Brig. Gen. Mykhaylo Drapatyy, Ukraine's commander of the operational group of Kherson troops. "Certain conditions are being created so that the Dnieper River barrier will not only hinder us but also help us to accomplish our task. If the conditions are right, we will move forward."

Intrigue about where Kyiv's counterattack will take place in the coming weeks has focused on the Zaporizhzhia region, where Ukrainian forces conducting an overland assault would probably try to expel the Russian occupiers from the city of Melitopol, and break the "land bridge" connecting Russia to occupied Crimea, where Russia has several strategic military bases.

Ukraine might also continue counterattacking in the east, where it has recently made gains around the long-beleaguered city of Bakhmut.

Those scenarios are more likely, but Ukrainians also have been quietly testing their ability to push across the Dnieper, and training units in how to conduct a possible river landing.

Ukraine used the tactic of surprise to its advantage in a sweeping, fast counteroffensive last fall, which liberated nearly the entire northeastern region of Kharkiv within a week. Russia had left its weakest grouping of forces there — much as it's doing now in the Kherson region — expecting the Ukrainians to attack somewhere else.

A cross-river attack could be just as unexpected and also yield a big territorial gain. There are about 40,000 Russian troops in the Kherson region on the river's east bank, Drapatyy said. And regaining control there would similarly break the land corridor and put Ukrainian forces near the Crimean border — a goal for Kyiv, which has vowed to reclaim

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FBI has misused citizen database

FREQUENT ABUSE OF SURVEILLANCE TOOL

Jan. 6 suspects, BLM protesters among targets

BY DEVLIN BARRETT

The FBI has misused a powerful digital surveillance tool more than 278,000 times, including against crime victims, Jan. 6 riot suspects, people arrested at protests after the police killing of George Floyd in 2020 and — in one case — 19,000 donors to a congressional candidate, according to a newly unsealed court document.

FBI officials say they have already fixed the problems, which the agency blamed on a misunderstanding between its employees and Justice Department lawyers about how to properly use a vast database named for the legal statute that created it, Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA).

But the failures to use the database correctly when collecting information about U.S. citizens and others may make it harder for the agency to marshal support in Congress to renew the law, which is due to expire at the

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D.C. officer accused of leaking to Proud Boys

Charges allege lieutenant tipped leader to warrant ahead of Jan. 6 attack

BY SPENCER S. HSU, PETER HERMANN AND TOM JACKMAN

A D.C. police lieutenant was arrested Friday on charges that he warned the leader of the far-right Proud Boys of his imminent arrest just days before the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol attack, and then lied to investigators afterward about the scope of their interactions.

Shane Lamond, a 24-year veteran of the D.C. police and then the department's head of intelligence, entered a not guilty plea to an indictment on one count of obstruction of justice and three counts of making false statements. Prosecutors allege that Lamond leaked information to Proud Boys leader Henry "Enrique" Tarrio as they discussed the group's protest plans in D.C. in 2020 and January 2021, when Lamond's duties included monitoring extremist groups.

Lamond, 47, of Stafford, Va., falsely denied tipping off Tarrio about the progress of an investigation and that he would be ar-

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In 1 bill, Neb. bans abortion and care for trans youths

BY MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE

Conservatives in the Nebraska legislature won just enough votes Friday to pass a combined ban on abortion at 12 weeks and gender-affirming treatment for minors, amid continuing protests at the state Capitol.

The bill was a gamble that could have seen both issues shelved for the year, had it failed to win the 33 votes needed to end debate. Instead, conservatives' novel legislation, billed as a compromise, passed by a vote of 33-15, swaying holdout Republican state Sen. Merv Riepe, who voted for it after blocking a proposed six-week abortion ban last month.

Sen. Kathleen Kauth (R), one of the bill's authors, said it was not motivated by hate, but designed to protect transgender youths.

"This bill is and always has been about protecting children.

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Hall of Fame running back looms large in legend

BY KENT BABB AND MATT SCHUDEL

Jim Brown, who was often called the greatest football player of his time but who gave up the sport at the peak of his career in the 1960s, declaring himself a "highly paid, over-glamorized gladiator," and turned instead to acting and activism, died May 18 at his home in Los Angeles. He was 87.

His wife, Monique Brown, announced the death in an Instagram post but did not cite a cause.

Mr. Brown was one of the most gifted all-around athletes of the past century. He excelled in lacrosse, basketball, and track and field and was virtually unstoppable during his nine years as a powerhouse fullback with the Cleveland Browns in the 1950s and '60s.

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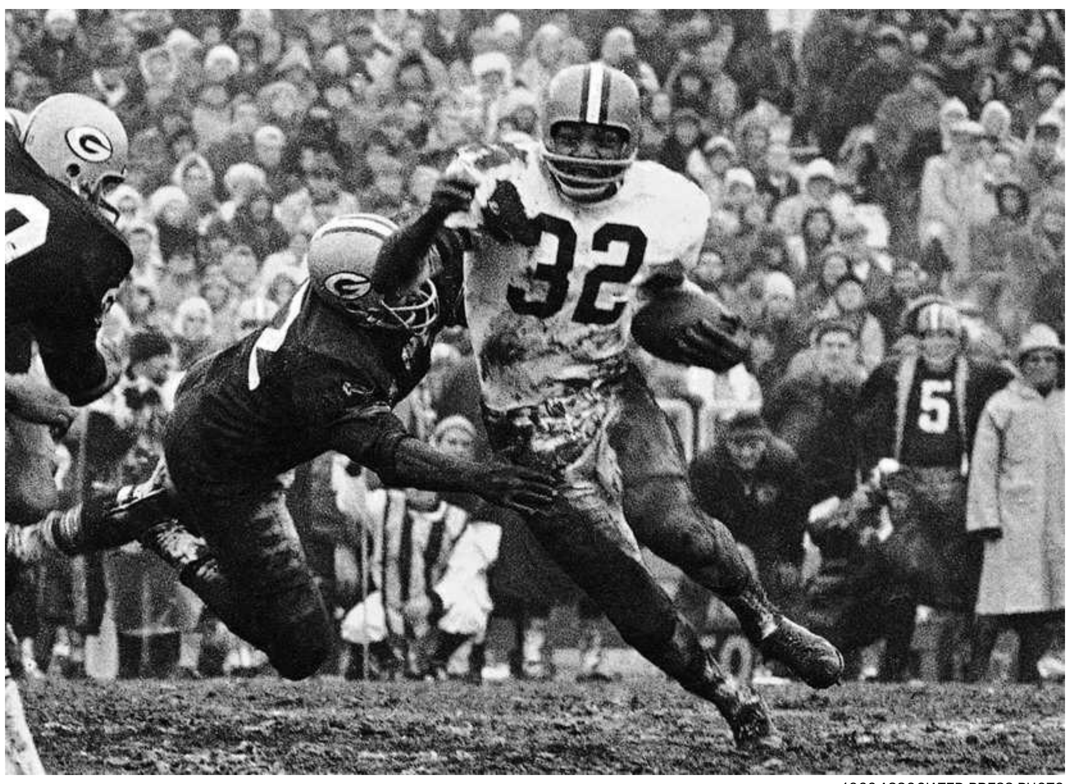

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Jim Brown was one of the NFL's first modern superstars, setting numerous records over nine seasons before retiring at the peak of his career. He was also an actor and civil rights activist.

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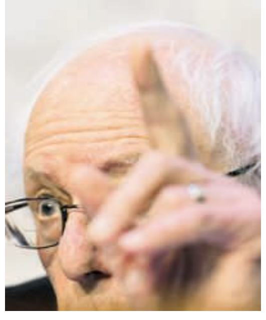

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Postal employees both victims, perpetrators of theft

Federal Insider
JOE DAVIDSON

If you've missed some mail lately, before you blast the U.S. Postal Service you might want to sympathize with the agency and its letter carriers.

The latest Postal Service stats show huge increases in postal thefts. There were 305 thefts from letter carriers in the first six months of fiscal 2023. At that rate, there would be 610 thefts for the whole year and that would be a 48 percent increase over last year's total of 412.

At the same time, there were 25,000 "high volume" mail thefts from mailboxes and other receptacles in the first half of fiscal 2023. If that rate continues, thefts would total 50,000 this fiscal year, or a 30 percent increase over the 38,500 in all of 2022.

"As crime rises, so do the threats against our public servants," Postmaster General Louis DeJoy said in a statement releasing the data last week. "The men and women of the Postal Service are walking our nation's streets every day to fulfill our mission of delivering mail and packages to the American people. Every Postal employee deserves to work in safety and to be free from targeting by criminals seeking to access the public's mail."

One reason for the postal theft surge is "the Postal Service's poor management controls over arrow keys — the keys used by carriers to open collection boxes, parcel lockers, and cluster box units," Tammy Whitcomb Hull, the Postal Service inspector general, told the House subcommittee on government operations in November. A 2020 audit by her office found USPS policies did not require a master key inventory and the agency did not set a maximum number of keys when ordering replacements and a maximum number of unassigned keys in an inventory.

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One reason for the surge in thefts is the Postal Service's poor management controls over the keys used to open mail containers.

Here are examples of postal crimes, according to Justice Department documents:

• Myesha Lewis and Kenneth Demosthene, both 22, were charged last week for the armed robbery of arrow keys in Boston. In both cases, they allegedly were armed with a knife, followed letter carriers, then stole the keys by breaking the chains that secured them. "Since July 2022," the Justice Department said, "there have been at least 13 assaults on USPS letter carriers while in the performance of their official duties in Boston and surrounding cities and towns."

• Dashaun Brown, 29, of Newark, was sentenced in April to 82 months in prison and ordered to pay $330,391 in restitution for stealing credit cards from the mail. He then stole the victims' identities to make hundreds of thousands of dollars in purchases.

• Elhorin Yisreal, 44, was arrested in September for the gunpoint robbery of a Bronx post office. He was accused of waiting outside the facility until a postal worker arrived with her husband. After the employee unlocked the post office door, Yisreal, allegedly wearing a black mask and carrying a firearm, ordered the staffer to open a safe and give him about $100,000, blank money orders and a machine used to print money orders.

"It is the job of the U.S. Postal Service to protect the safety of letter carriers as they serve their communities as per the U.S. Constitution, providing service to residents and businesses on a daily basis," said Paul Barner, the executive vice president of National Association of Letter Carriers. "The fear and the danger that letter carriers are confronting has to end."

So do crimes they commit. Sometimes postal workers are the criminals. According to the Justice Department:

• Davey Hines, 30, of Naperville, Ill., was sentenced to nine years in prison as the "ringleader" of 10 other people, including postal staffers, in the theft of credit cards from the mail, then buying items with them. "The investigation identified USPS employees who stole credit cards and other financial instruments and provided them to Hines and others in exchange for cash or other items of value," the Justice Department reported. "Over the course of the 19-month conspiracy, Hines and his co-conspirators stole more than 657 credit cards and made more than $462,719 in fraudulent purchases."

• Diana K. Molyneux, a former express mail clerk, was found guilty this month of destroying immigration mail at a Salt Lake City processing facility. She "was captured on camera digging through areas of pre-sorted mail … setting aside priority immigration mail, which was never returned to its proper location for dispatch," the DOJ said. Surveillance caught her burying "six pieces of priority immigration mail deep in a shred bin that is used to destroy and recycle undeliverable bulk mail." Because the immigration documents included green cards and work permits, some people lost their jobs or were unable to renew driver's licenses, according to the Salt Lake City Tribune.

• Toya Toshell Hunter, 45, a former mail carrier in South Los Angeles, received a 15-month prison term last month for stealing government-issued debit cards for unemployment insurance and federal coronavirus relief mailed to residents on her route. She was ordered to pay $206,212 in restitution.

These examples of crooks in postal uniforms do not overshadow the many more carriers who complete their rounds with the honesty the job commands. Some go well beyond that. Last week, the National Association of Letter Carriers honored their "Heroes of the Year" for "special acts of courage and compassion." Christine Cambizaca, of Torrington, Conn., took top honors as the 2022 National Hero of the Year. A union statement said Cambizaca was just a month on the job when she "risked her own safety by protecting a bloodied and bruised woman, too frightened to speak, from a knife-wielding attacker."

The Postal Service and the Postal Inspection Service said they are expanding their crime prevention efforts to deal with escalating threats. Those measures include installing 12,000 high-security blue mailboxes nationwide in high-risk areas. The Postal Service also will replace "49,000 antiquated arrow locks" with electronic devices.

"We're doubling down on our efforts to protect our Postal employees and the security of the mail," Postal Inspection Service Chief Gary Barksdale said. "We are hardening targets — both physical and digital — to make them less desirable to thieves and working with our law enforcement partners to bring perpetrators to justice."

Suspected fungal infections are linked to surgeries in Mexico

At least 4 Americans have been hospitalized with meningitis; 1 dead

BY LENA H. SUN

Federal and Texas health officials are alerting Americans and clinicians about suspected cases of fungal meningitis among U.S. residents who traveled to Matamoros, Mexico, for surgery. One person has died, and at least four patients are hospitalized, Texas officials said Tuesday.

All five patients traveled from Texas to the border city of Matamoros to get surgical procedures that involved an epidural, which is an anesthetic injected into the area around the spinal column. The patients are women in their 30s to 50s. The procedures — all cosmetic — took place between February and April. Symptoms began three days to six weeks after surgery, said Chris Van Deusen, a spokesman for the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Authorities in the United States and Mexico are investigating the source of the infections, whether the cases are linked and whether there are more cases that have not yet been reported.

There is a booming medical-tourism business south of the U.S. border, where dental procedures, cosmetic surgeries, fertility treatments and even veterinary care are typically less expensive than those in the United States. Matamoros is the site of the attack in March on four Americans that resulted in two deaths.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued a travel advisory urging enhanced precautions for travelers to Mexico. The agency said travelers with these fungal infections had medical or surgical procedures, including liposuction, at clinics in Matamoros, including River Side Surgical Center and Clinica K-3. On Wednesday, the CDC issued a health advisory to physicians across the country to inform them of the known cases, to advise them to be on the lookout for additional cases and to offer guidance on managing potential cases.

Health authorities in Tamaulipas state, where Matamoros is located, ordered both clinics to stop performing surgery this week and plastered "suspension of activities" signs at their entrances, according to local media. The head of the state's Commission for the Protection Against Sanitary Risks (known as COEPRIS), Alberto Moctezuma Castillo, visited the K-3 clinic Tuesday but declined to provide details about the closure to journalists.

"We are beginning an investigation," he told a reporter for El Mañana newspaper. "We can't tell you anything about it." Officials at the COEPRIS office in Matamoros declined to comment.

No one answered calls to two telephone numbers for the K-3 clinic seeking comment Wednesday. At a third number, Luis Hernández Ruiz, a doctor who works at the clinic, said, "I understand that all of this is being investigated," and "nothing has been confirmed yet," before the line went dead. A call to the River Side center was answered by a recording saying the staff was unavailable.

Meningitis is swelling of the protective covering of the brain and spinal cord. It can be caused by bacteria, viruses, fungi or trauma. Common symptoms include fever, headache, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, confusion and sensitivity to light.

Fungal meningitis is not contagious, but it can develop after a fungal infection is accidentally introduced during a medical or surgical procedure or spreads from somewhere else in the body to the brain or the spinal cord.

Two of the hospitalized patients received cosmetic surgery under epidural anesthesia at River Side Surgical Center, and two hospitalized patients received cosmetic surgery under epidural anesthesia at Clinica K-3, according to the CDC. Their symptoms when they first sought medical care included fever and new or worsening headache. Some patients initially had mild symptoms.

The CDC is urging patients who had a medical or surgical procedure involving epidural anesthesia in Matamoros since January 2023 and who have developed symptoms consistent with fungal meningitis to "immediately go to a hospital emergency room and tell them about their procedure in Matamoros, Mexico and where they traveled," the health advisory said.

The CDC is recommending that physicians and other health-care providers perform a CT scan or MRI and a diagnostic lumbar puncture for patients who had medical or surgical procedure under epidural anesthesia in Matamoros after Jan. 1 and who have developed these symptoms. "If fungal meningitis is suspected, treatment should be initiated as soon as possible" after completing tests of the cerebrospinal fluid, the clear, colorless, watery fluid that flows in and around the brain and spinal cord, the agency said.

The recommended treatment is antifungal medication. There are no vaccines to prevent fungal meningitis.

"It is very important that people who have recently had medical procedures in Mexico monitor themselves for symptoms of meningitis," Jennifer Shuford, commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services, said in a statement. "Meningitis, especially when caused by bacteria or fungus, can be a life-threatening illness unless treated promptly."

Health officials in Texas said people should consider canceling or postponing elective surgeries, including liposuction, involving epidural anesthesia in Matamoros until there is evidence that those procedures do not pose a significant risk of infection.

There are millions of fungal species, but only a few hundred can make people sick. Fungi can cause many illnesses, including asthma or allergies, rashes, infections of the skin and nails, lung infections resulting in pneumonia, bloodstream infections and meningitis.

Although anyone can get fungal meningitis, people with weakened immune systems are at increased risk. Certain health conditions, medications and surgical procedures may weaken the immune system.

Gabriela Martínez in Mexico City contributed to this report.

D.C. police lieutenant is arrested, accused of leaking to Proud Boys leader

LAMOND FROM **A1**

rested on Jan. 4, 2021, for his part in burning a Black Lives Matter flag stolen from a historic African American church during a pro-Trump rally weeks earlier, according to the indictment.

Tarrio, who earlier this month was found guilty of seditious conspiracy with three other Proud Boys leaders in the Capitol riot, had argued during that trial that his communications with Lamond showed the Proud Boys did not conspire to commit violence and that the group had shared its plans with law enforcement.

But Tarrio's prosecutors and Friday's indictment cited other messages showing how much Lamond was sharing with Tarrio during the weeks leading up to the attack. Prosecutors alleged during Tarrio's trial that the Proud Boys' anger at police deepened when they received advance word that Tarrio would be arrested in Washington and that it contributed to their planning for violence in opposing federal authority, a key element of their convictions.

The indictment states that in key moments after the November 2020 presidential election and after Jan. 6, Lamond appeared to commiserate and trade information with Tarrio.

"Hey brother, sad, sad news today. You all planning anything?" Lamond asked on Nov. 7, 2021, the day news media declared Joe Biden the election winner. "Yep," Tarrio replied, according to the indictment.

"Need to switch to encrypted. Alerts are being sent out to LE [law enforcement] that [Parler social networking] accounts belonging to your people are talking about mobilizing and 'taking back the country,'" Lamond added later that day. "Getting people spun up. Just giving you a heads up."

On Jan. 7, one day after the violence, Tarrio confessed to Lamond in a Telegram message, "I think I could have stopped this whole thing," Friday's indictment alleged.

Lamond expressed sympathy, alluding to another person whose name was redacted and identified by prosecutors only as "Person 6," whose actions appear to align with those of Infowars.com founder and conspiracy theorist Alex Jones.

"I don't know, bro. You know it's f---ing bad when [Person 6] was the voice of reason and they wouldn't listen to him. He got on the bullhorn and urged everyone to stop attacking the police and march around the US Capitol and they ignored him."

"Of course I can't say it officially," Lamond added on Jan. 8, "but personally I support you all and don't want to see your group's name or reputation dragged through the mud."

D.C. Police Chief Robert J. Contee III said Friday that Lamond had been served a notice of proposed indefinite suspension after being placed on paid leave early last year after an FBI probe began.

"There are times when we have people who don't live up to the oath," the chief said. "And when we have that, we have to hold them accountable."

D.C. police said in a statement that it cooperated with the federal investigation and would launch its own probe into the lieutenant's conduct when the criminal proceedings are complete.

Lamond appeared briefly in federal court in Washington on Friday to enter his plea. Prosecutors did not ask for Lamond to be held before trial, but he was required to turn over his passport to the government.

His attorney, Mark E. Schamel, told U.S. Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqui that Lamond's "arrest came as a shock" after months of discussions with federal prosecutors, most recently in December.

Lamond faces a mandatory three-year minimum sentence and up to 30 years in prison if convicted of the obstruction of justice charge. The false statement counts are each punishable by up to five years.

Schamel has described his client's contacts with Tarrio as professional and part of his work to obtain intelligence and prevent clashes between the Proud Boys and other groups.

"Lt. Lamond is a decorated officer whose position required contact with extremist groups who sought to undermine our democracy on January 6th, yet he does not, nor has he ever, supported their views," Schamel said in a statement Friday. "… The jury will see the fallacy of these unfairly levied allegations when the evidence is presented."

The indictment alleges that, beginning in July 2019 and continuing to at least January 2021, Lamond and Tarrio were in regular contact regarding the Proud Boys' planned actions in Washington and that Lamond began using Telegram to provide law enforcement information to Tarrio as early as at least July 2020.

The pair exchanged at least 500 communications via cloud-based services, but the pace and secrecy of the messages spiked after the election, including at least 101 of 145 Telegram secret chat messages between Dec. 18, 2020, and Jan. 4, 2021, that were destroyed by measures including auto-delete timers, charging papers said.

That period spans when President Donald Trump on Dec. 19 announced plans for a "wild" protest when Congress met to certify the election and Tarrio's arrest on Jan. 4.

For instance, on Dec. 18, 2020, Lamond revealed information about the investigation into the burning of the Black Lives Matter flag after a Dec. 12 Trump rally in Washington. Tarrio later pleaded guilty to destruction of property along with attempted possession of a high-capacity ammunition magazine upon his return to Washington three weeks later.

"Hey brother did you call in an anonymous tip to FBI claiming responsibility for the banner burning?" Lamond wrote.

"I did more than that. It's on my social media," Tarrio replied.

Lamond volunteered to check with the criminal investigators "to see if they have you on video." He then cautioned that the FBI and U.S. Secret Service were "all spun up" about a comment Tarrio had made on a show on Infowars that in the future, Proud Boys would disguise themselves as Biden supporters.

Prosecutors alleged in the indictment that Tarrio shared Lamond's information with other Proud Boys members and took action based on what Lamond had said. The indictment accuses the lieutenant of making three specific false statements in an interview with two U.S. attorney's office investigators on June 2, 2021 — claiming that his communications were mostly "one-sided" from the Proud Boys leader, when Lamond knew he regularly passed on confidential law enforcement information; denying that he tipped off Tarrio about the flag burning probe; and denying he informed Tarrio of his arrest warrant.

On Christmas Day, for example, Lamond shared that he believed an arrest might be imminent because he had been asked to identify Tarrio in a photograph on Parler, prosecutors said. On Jan. 4, as Tarrio was on a flight from Miami to Reagan National Airport, Lamond sent Tarrio notice that a warrant had been signed.

Emily Davies contributed to this report.

POLITICS & THE NATION

Suspect in classified leaks to remain jailed pending trial

Defendant is a 'severe risk' to obstruct justice, magistrate rules

BY STEPHANIE MORALES AND DEVLIN BARRETT

WORCESTER, MASS. — An Air National Guard member charged with leaking classified material online must remain behind bars while he awaits trial, a federal magistrate ruled Friday, siding with prosecutors who argued he was an attractive target for foreign governments trying to learn more national security secrets.

U.S. magistrate judge David Hennessy's decision follows weeks of back and forth between prosecutors and lawyers for 21-year-old Jack Teixeira over whether it was safe to release him while he awaits trial. The judge ruled shortly after Teixeira, wearing an orange jumpsuit and closely cropped hair, arrived in court Friday afternoon.

"Who did he put at risk?" the judge asked. "You could make a list as long as a phone book."

Hennessy said the defendant was a "severe risk" to obstruct justice, and seemed to have an unhealthy fixation with weapons — two factors he said he couldn't ignore.

The judge said there was nothing wrong or unhealthy about liking guns, but there "appears to be an unhealthy fascination" with weapons based on Teixeira's writing. The judge also expressed concerns about what he called Teixeira's "lack of integrity."

"Given the publicity of this case, foreign governments know that the defendant was disloyal to the United States and that he is facing a long jail sentence," the judge said. "None of those things are speculative or exaggerated."

Hennessy said he was sympathetic to Teixeira's relatives, calling them a "good family," and noting that his mother, father and stepfather have attended every court proceeding, which was unusual for criminal cases.

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Jack Teixeira, a 21-year-old member of the U.S. Air National Guard, seemed to have a fixation with weapons, another reason cited by the judiciary for holding him without bond until his trial.

In a court filing earlier this week, prosecutors offered new allegations in the case, saying Teixeira he appears to have shared sensitive secrets with foreign nationals and had raised concern among his co-workers in the months before he was charged with mishandling and disseminating national security information.

Teixeira was arrested in April after FBI agents traced back to him a collection of classified material posted in an online chat group. Authorities say he worked as an IT professional at a military base in Massachusetts's Cape Cod, and abused his top secret clearance — illegally sharing U.S. intelligence assessments and other sensitive information with others on Discord, a social media platform popular with video game players.

One of the groups where he shared classified information had upward of 150 users, officials said, and among the members "are a number of individuals who represented that they resided in other countries" and whose accounts trace back to foreign internet addresses.

Teixeira's "willful transmission of classified information over an extended period to more than 150 users worldwide" undermines his lawyer's claims that he never meant for the information to be shared widely, prosecutors wrote.

The filing also shows that Teixeira was repeatedly written up by colleagues for apparently not following rules for the use of classified systems. A Sept. 15 Air Force memorandum included in the newly released court materials notes that Teixeira "had been observed taking notes on classified intelligence information" inside a room specifically designed to handle sensitive classified material.

Teixeira, the Air Force memo says, was instructed "to no longer take notes in any form on classified intelligence information." About a month later, a memo noted that Teixeira "was potentially ignoring the cease-and-desist order" given to him in September. He was instructed to stop "any deep dives into classified intelligence information and focus on his job," that memo said.

Then in January, a member of his unit observed Teixeira "viewing content that was not related to his primary duty and was related to the intelligence field." That memo also noted that Teixeira "had been previously notified to focus on his own career duties and to not seek out intelligence products."

Teixeira's lawyer countered in court papers that prosecutors have wrongly compared his conduct to previous high-profile security breaches, when the case is more similar to lesser-known leak investigations in which defendants were released on bond.

The prosecution filing also recounts online chats in which Teixeira appears to both brag about his sharing of classified information and understand the potential legal consequences of such actions.

"Knowing what happens more than pretty much anyone is cool," the airman allegedly wrote in a chat dated mid-November. When another user suggested he write a blog about the information, Teixeira replied, "making a blog would be the equivalent of what chelsea manning did," referring to a major classified leak case in 2010.

A member of the Massachusetts Air National Guard, Teixeira has been charged with two counts: retention and transmission of national defense information and willful retention of classified documents. He faces up to 25 years in prison. As the investigation proceeds, he could face additional charges.

Prosecutors and defense lawyers had sparred over whether Teixeira should be released on bond. Federal prosecutors said he posed a security risk because he might still possess classified documents that investigators have not yet found, and foreign governments could try to recruit him to find out what he knows.

Teixeira's lawyer, Brendan Kelley, has said that with careful monitoring Teixeira could safely go home — arguing that authorities have inflated the flight risk of a young man who still lives with his parents in the community where he grew up.

Hennessy, the judge, pushed back on suggestions from Teixeira's attorney, who claimed his client only meant to share the information with a small group of online friends, not the wider world.

"The defendant put top-secret information on the internet, and your argument is that he had no idea that it would go anywhere beyond the server," Hennessy said at a hearing last month. "I find it a little incredible that the defendant could not foresee that possibility."

Prosecutors warned in an earlier court filing that Teixeira has done "immense" damage to U.S. national security, and is still capable of causing extraordinary harm. "Detention is necessary to ensure that the Defendant does not continue on his destructive and damaging path," they wrote.

In their filings, prosecutors have said Teixeira exhibited disturbing behavior five years ago while a high school student, and was suspended after a classmate overheard him talking about weapons, "including Molotov cocktails, guns at the school, and racial threats."

More recently, according to prosecutors, Teixeira posted comments online about conducting a mass shooting, including in November when he wrote in a social media post that if he had his way, he would "kill a ... [expletive] ton of people," which he said would be "culling the weak minded." In previous court filings, prosecutors also shared photos of what they characterized as an "arsenal" of weapons found in his home.

Teixeira's lawyer has said the talk of an arsenal was overheated — because the guns in court images that had been thought to be in his room are not real weapons, but airsoft guns that shoot small plastic pellets. The firearms in Teixeira's house are locked away in a cabinet, according to Kelley.

Prosecutors say there also is evidence that, as the leak investigation progressed, Teixeira may have destroyed evidence of his crimes and told others not to talk to authorities. Earlier this month, Teixeira allegedly told an online friend: "If anyone comes looking, don't tell them" anything, and encouraged that person to "delete all messages."

Teixeira's attorneys have pushed back against those claims, saying Teixeira was peacefully reading a Bible when agents came to arrest him, and that prosecutors' notions of the risks to national security are far-fetched and fanciful.

The prosecution, Teixeira's lawyer Allen Franco wrote in a court filing last month, has engaged in "hyperbolic judgments and provides little more than speculation that a foreign adversary will seduce Mr. Teixeira and orchestrate his clandestine escape from the United States. This argument is illusory. The government has presented no articulable facts to support these assertions."

Blue Origin wins NASA moon mission contract

Bezos's firm to receive $3.4 billion for landing humans on lunar surface

BY CHRISTIAN DAVENPORT

Blue Origin won a coveted NASA contract on Friday to develop a spacecraft that would land humans on the surface of the moon, a major victory and redemption for Jeff Bezos's space venture two years after it lost out on a similar contract to Elon Musk's SpaceX.

This time, Blue Origin beat Dynetics, a subsidiary of Leidos, the defense contractor. The contract, worth $3.4 billion, is for NASA's planned third human landing on the moon under its Artemis program. (Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

As of now, the landing using Blue Origin's spacecraft, a four-legged lander 52 feet tall that it calls Blue Moon, would occur in 2029, after two crewed landings by SpaceX.

Under the Artemis program, NASA intends to eventually sponsor a regular cadence of astronauts to the moon. But instead of going to the equatorial region of the moon, as was done during the Apollo era of the 1960s and '70s, it is aiming for the lunar south pole, where there is water in the form of ice in the permanently shadowed craters.

The Artemis program was started by the Donald Trump administration and has been embraced by President Biden, giving NASA a continuity of purpose that it had lacked in previous decades.

In recent weeks, NASA Administrator Bill Nelson has warned, however, that if negotiations over federal spending result in budget cuts, as some are proposing, there could be significant disruptions to the moon missions and other programs.

Speaking at an event Thursday on Capitol Hill while flanked by astronauts, Nelson said, "The kind of cuts that you have seen talked about would be devastating to NASA, to our programs and what you're being presented with today — a crew that is taking us back to the moon after half a century."

Speaking at the announcement Friday morning, Nelson said the space agency has "big goals for our Artemis program, about a mission a year to the lunar surface for stays for astronauts up to 30 days. And today's announcement is about maintaining that cadence."

Moon landings have been a priority of Blue Origin and one of Bezos's lifelong passions. He has said that watching Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walk on the moon in 1969 was a "seminal moment" for him.

Blue Origin appeared to be the favorite for the first Artemis landing contract because it had obtained the most money in a preliminary round. But in 2021, NASA awarded SpaceX a $2.9 billion contract for the first human landing of the Artemis program, a mission known as Artemis III that is scheduled for 2025 but probably will be delayed.

The contract award marked a huge victory for Musk and SpaceX and a triumph over Dynetics and Blue Origin, which at the time had assembled a "national team" for the effort that included Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin and Draper.

It also set off legal challenges that roiled the normally staid world of NASA contracting.

Blue Origin, whose bid of $6 billion was more than twice that of SpaceX's, protested to the Government Accountability Office, as did Dynetics. Both lost. Blue Origin then filed a lawsuit in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims and lost that, too. As a last resort, Bezos wrote an open letter to Nelson offering to sweeten the pot by waiving $2 billion in development costs, an offer that was rebuffed because the contract had already been awarded.

On Friday, John Couluris, Blue Origin's lunar lander program manager, said the company would invest "well north of $3.4 billion" of its money into the program. Before Blue Origin's first crewed landing, the company would "be landing an exact copy of that lander one year prior." He added that there would also be "a number of test launches and landings that we'll be releasing here soon."

To get to the moon, Blue Origin proposed a multistep process. Instead of taking all the fuel to the moon and back, the company is developing a refueling capability in space. It's also using reusable spacecraft that could remain in the vicinity of the moon between missions, which NASA hopes will help it create a more cost-effective and sustainable presence.

The lander would be launched to lunar orbit. A separate spacecraft, known as the Cislunar Transporter, to be built by Lockheed Martin, would refuel in Earth orbit, then meet up with the lander in lunar orbit to fuel it ahead of the flight to the surface of the moon.

Both would be powered by liquid oxygen (LOX) and liquid hydrogen (LH2), which are highly efficient but also have to be kept at exceedingly cold temperatures to prevent them from boiling off.

One of the keys to the system, Blue Origin said, is developing the ability to keep the propellants at cryogenic temperatures for long periods. To do that, Blue Origin said, it is developing a solar-powered storage tank that would keep the propellants at 20 degrees Kelvin, or about -423 degrees Fahrenheit, and "move the state of the art forward by making high-performance LOX-LH2 a storable propellant combination."

BLUE ORIGIN

An artist's rendering of the Blue Moon spacecraft, scheduled to land on the moon in 2029 after missions by competitor SpaceX.

SpaceX's approach, using its Starship vehicle, would also require refueling in orbit to reach the moon.

In addition to flying crew members, the lander could come in a cargo version that would be capable of delivering as much as 30 metric tons to the lunar surface, he said.

After the initial award, SpaceX won another contract for the second crewed landing, Artemis IV, scheduled for 2028. SpaceX was not eligible for the contract awarded Friday because NASA wants to ensure that it has two providers to choose from for future missions.

Last year, NASA completed the Artemis I flight, the first launch of its Space Launch System rocket, which sent the Orion crew capsule, without anyone onboard, around the moon. The next flight, Artemis II, is scheduled for late next year.

DIGEST

SOUTH CAROLINA

Scott makes official his run for president

Sen. Tim Scott (R-S.C.), who made his presidential run official Friday, is launching a $6 million advertising buy set to begin next week, according to a senior Scott official.

Scott filed paperwork with the Federal Election Commission on Friday declaring his intention to seek the Republican Party's nomination in 2024.

The South Carolinian, who is the only Black Senate Republican, is expected to announce his White House bid in North Charleston on Monday. In April, Scott formed an exploratory committee, which allows him to raise money and pay for travel. Scott has also made several visits to Iowa and New Hampshire as part of his "Faith in America" listening tour.

The Scott ad buy, which would be the largest single ad buy from a presidential candidate so far this cycle, according to the Scott official, includes $5.5 million in broadcast television, cable, radio and satellite. Those ads will begin Wednesday and run in Iowa and New Hampshire through the first GOP debate, which is scheduled for August.

Scott lacks the national profile and name recognition of others in the race. He is registering in low single digits in polls of the GOP race, well behind former president Donald Trump, who has a commanding lead, and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who places second. Scott is also competing against fellow South Carolinian Nikki Haley, a former U.N. ambassador.

Scott will begin his White House bid with $22 million in cash on hand transferred from his Senate account.

— Marianne LeVine and Isaac Arnsdorf

OREGON

Truck driver arrested in crash that killed 7

The driver of a semitruck that slammed into a passenger van on Interstate 5 in western Oregon, killing seven people in one of the state's deadliest crashes in recent years, was arrested Friday on suspicion of manslaughter, DUI and other charges, police said.

Eleven people were in the van when it was struck, authorities said. Six people died at the scene, one more died after being airlifted to a hospital and four were injured, according to Oregon State Police.

Lincoln Clayton Smith, 52, of North Highlands, Calif., was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving, manslaughter and assault, police said.

Two semitrucks and the van were involved in the Thursday afternoon crash near Albany in an agricultural area in the Willamette Valley.

The truck left the northbound lanes of Interstate 5 on Thursday and hit the van as it was parked on the side of the freeway, police said. The van was then pushed into the back of another truck parked in front of it.

The northbound lanes of I-5 were closed for hours as experts investigated but were reopened Thursday night, officials said.

— Associated Press

OHIO

Man fatally shot by co-worker at GM plant

A feud over a woman led a man to fatally shoot a co-worker and then shoot himself in the head at a General Motors engine factory in Ohio, police said Friday.

A third employee was wounded at the DMAX plant Thursday night, possibly by a stray bullet as the man fired more than 12 rounds from a handgun, Moraine Police Sgt. Andrew Parish said.

The woman in question also works at the plant, but it wasn't clear if she was there at the time. She wasn't injured, Parish said.

Jeffrey James Allen III, 28, of Dayton, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The shooter was alert and conscious when officers found him outside the factory, Parish said. He underwent surgery at a hospital and was listed in critical but stable condition.

No charges have been filed so far. Police have not released the shooter's identity.

The third employee was being treated for injuries that were not considered life-threatening.

— Associated Press

Court: FBI misused surveillance tool thousands of times

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end of this year. It may also create additional head winds for the FBI, which has been under attack for years by former president Donald Trump and his political supporters. House lawmakers aligned with Trump held a hearing this week trying to show that the nation's premier law enforcement agency is biased against conservatives.

The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, which oversees Section 702, has pressured the FBI to address the problems, writing in the April 2022 opinion that was unsealed Friday that if the agency doesn't perform better, the court will crack down and order its own changes to FBI practices.

The Section 702 database is a vast trove of electronic communications and other information that can be searched by the National Security Agency and the FBI. The FBI is authorized to search the database only when agents have reason to believe that such a search will produce information relevant to foreign intelligence purposes, or evidence of crimes.

Built in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the database is seen by U.S. officials as one of the prize jewels of the national security apparatus. Its primary purpose is targeting foreign intelligence or terrorism information. But the sweeping nature of the information in the database has long worried civil rights advocates, who argue that the government has proved it cannot be trusted to use the system carefully.

The court "is encouraged by the amendments to the FBI's querying procedures," Judge Rudolph Contreras of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court wrote in the opinion, which detailed the nearly 300,000 abuses logged between 2020 and early 2021. "Nonetheless, compliance problems with the querying of Section 702 information have proven to be persistent and widespread. If they are not substantially mitigated by these recent measures, it may become necessary to consider other responses, such as substantially limiting the number of FBI personnel with access to unminimized Section 702 information."

While House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) has argued that the FBI has mistreated conservatives and applied a liberal bent to its investigations, the examples cited in Contreras's opinion suggest that the bureau was multifaceted in its failure to live up to the legal standards of the courts and the Justice Department. In a written statement, Jordan said that FBI Director Christopher A. Wray "told us we can sleep well at night because of the FBI's so-called FISA reforms. But it just keeps getting worse."

JABIN BOTSFORD/THE WASHINGTON POST

FBI Director Christopher A. Wray testifies at a Senate Intelligence Committee hearing in March. The bureau says it has fixed the problems that led to FBI abuses of a trove of data on citizens, but the revelations brought denunciations from congressional critics in both parties.

In June 2020, the FBI searched for digital data and communications of 133 people arrested "in connection with civil unrest and protests between approximately May 30, and June 18, 2020," a time when demonstrations erupted across the country over Floyd's death under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer.

That search was done, officials said, to see if there was counterterrorism information about those individuals. When questioned about the searches later, FBI officials said it was reasonable for agents to think the searches would return foreign intelligence. The parts of the court papers describing that effort have significant redactions, making it unclear why the FBI developed its theory. The filing also doesn't make clear how many of the individuals whose information was sought from the database were arrested while protesting police conduct, how many might have been counterprotesters or what, if anything, was done with the information gathered.

Around that same time, an FBI analyst conducted 656 queries of FISA information, apparently because the bureau was considering whether to use people as informants and wanted to check for any derogatory information, the court filing says. The FBI did not have any reason to believe that agents would find such information, officials said.

Officials also found a long pattern between 2016 and 2020 in which the FBI conducted FISA searches about "individuals listed in police homicide reports, including victims, next-of-kin, witnesses, and suspects," according to the court opinion. The Justice Department found that these searches violated the rules "because there was no reasonable basis to expect they would return foreign intelligence or evidence of crime." The FBI, however, argued "that querying FISA information using identifiers of the victims — simply because they were homicide victims — was reasonably likely to retrieve evidence of crime."

After the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol, an FBI employee ran batches of inquiries that amounted to 23,132 separate queries of presumed Americans "to find evidence of possible foreign influence, although the analyst conducting the queries had no indications of foreign influence related to the query term used," Contreras found. There, too, Justice Department officials concluded that there was no specific factual basis to think the searches would turn up foreign intelligence information or evidence of a crime. The court opinion also noted that "no raw Section 702 information was accessed as a result of these queries." Raw Section 702 information generally means electronic communications, such as emails or other digital messages, that have not been processed or filtered first to see if they meet the criteria of foreign intelligence information or evidence of a crime.

In a different incident, an FBI analyst "conducted a batch query for over 19,000 donors to a congressional campaign" because the analyst said the campaign was "a target of foreign influence," the opinion said. But Justice Department officials found in an audit that "only eight identifiers used in the query" — often a name, phone number or an email address — "had sufficient ties to foreign influence activities" to comply with FISA standards. It's not clear what, if anything, was done with the information collected.

Officials said the candidate in question did not ultimately win a seat in Congress, and the incident was distinct from an instance in which Rep. Darin LaHood (R-Ill.) said FISA surveillance wrongly targeted him.

Officials said lawmakers who were briefed months ago about the problems have been pushing authorities to make them public. The delay in doing so was due to discussions of redactions in a separate part of the opinion, which described a novel application of surveillance techniques, said the officials, who like others interviewed spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive national security matters. The details of that part of the opinion are redacted in a way that makes it difficult to determine the technique, target and purpose of that surveillance.

Senior law enforcement officials said Friday that the problems in the report do not represent the FBI's current practices. The problems were discovered largely because of Justice Department audits, they said, and have been remedied.

"We're not trying to hide from this stuff, but this type of noncompliance is unacceptable," a senior FBI official said.

"There was confusion historically about what the query standard was," said another senior law enforcement official.

Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), a longtime critic of what he says is dangerous overreach by U.S. intelligence officials, decried what he called the "shocking abuses of FISA Section 702." He said that the abuses have been going on for years and that officials are still withholding key details from the public.

"There is important, secret information about how the government has interpreted Section 702 that Congress and the American people need to see before the law is renewed," Wyden said in a written statement.

The FBI has rolled out a host of changes to how agents and analysts use the Section 702 database. While a previous version of the system automatically included it in a list of areas that agents could search for information, agents and analysts must now specifically seek and choose to search Section 702 information. FBI users of the database are also required to write, in their own words, why they think their search will return foreign intelligence information or evidence of a crime, and an attorney must approve any "batch" searches involving large numbers of people.

In recent months, authorities have touted that the number of Section 702 searches that involve U.S. residents or companies has dropped dramatically — more than 90 percent from last year. Officials said Friday that the decline happened largely because the Justice Department audit found significant compliance failures by the FBI.

The problems identified by the court and the Justice Department are separate from criticism lodged against the FBI in 2019 by the Justice Department's inspector general, and again this week by special counsel John Durham, over the bureau's use of a different kind of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court order, which specifically targeted a former Trump adviser in 2016 and 2017 based on faulty and incomplete FBI applications.

In 2021, a follow-up report by Justice Department inspector general Michael Horowitz found "widespread" failures by the FBI to follow one of the key rules of FISA surveillance, indicating that the problems went far beyond the agency's investigation of the former Trump adviser, Carter Page.

That earlier criticism has led some Republicans to suggest that the FBI cannot be trusted with these surveillance powers — criticism that may intensify with the new findings of misuse.

Nebraska bans abortions at 12 weeks, gender-affirming care for trans youths

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It does not discriminate," Kauth said, insisting that the measure was meant to delay "irreversible, experimental medications and surgeries."

"This bill is simply about protecting innocent life," Sen. Tom Briese (R) said, calling the legislation a "reasonable" compromise.

But opponents condemned the law as unconstitutional and discriminatory.

"This place is morally bankrupt. You are playing political games with the lives of children and parents," Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh (D) said.

Friday's vote followed the 49-member Republican-dominated legislature's interim approval of the measure Tuesday. Gov. Jim Pillen (R) has said he will sign the bill and released a statement applauding its passage.

"All children deserve a chance to grow and live happy, fruitful lives. This includes pre-born boys and girls, and it includes children struggling with their gender identity," Pillen said. "These kids deserve the opportunity to grow and explore who they are and want to be, and they can do so without making irreversible decisions."

The abortion ban will take effect immediately, and the transgender care restrictions will begin Oct. 1.

The 12-week abortion ban includes exceptions for rape and incest, and to save the life of the pregnant person, but not for fatal fetal anomalies. It does not protect doctors who perform abortions from criminal prosecution.

The transgender measure bans gender reassignment surgery for those under 19 years old, Nebraska's age of majority. It gives the state's chief medical officer — an ear, nose and throat doctor appointed by the Republican governor — authority over the use of gender-affirming treatments for transgender minors as of October.

While the bill contains an exception for minors already receiving puberty blockers or hormone treatments, opponents questioned whether they would be protected given that the bill grants ultimate authority to a conservative political appointee. Efforts to amend the bill to address that were rejected by conservatives.

The 12-week abortion ban did not go as far as some in the chamber desired. And an earlier bill on medical treatment for transgender people would have barred minors from receiving puberty blockers, hormone therapy and surgeries. But after extensive debate and "listening sessions" with opponents, Republicans scaled back their goals to win support needed to pass the bill.

While the bill's double-barreled nature is unusual, restrictions on abortion and transgender people have been popular conservative targets in state legislatures this year.

Since *Roe v. Wade* was overturned last June, more than a dozen states have imposed abortion bans.

This week in North Carolina, a Republican supermajority in the legislature overrode the Democratic governor's veto to pass a 12-week ban. In April, Florida passed a six-week ban that will outlaw most abortions in the country's third-most-populous state.

More than a dozen states have also passed restrictions on transgender people this year, including Florida and North Carolina. Texas's Republican-controlled legislature on Wednesday approved a bill banning hormone and puberty-blocking treatments as well as surgeries for transgender minors. The bill would force the state medical board to revoke physician licenses for those who violate the ban, and it would prohibit taxpayer money from going to any person or entity that "provides or facilitates" the treatment. Gov. Greg Abbott (R) has said he will sign the measure.

The erosion of transgender rights has been particularly alarming in Nebraska, the bill's opponents said. It was here that Brandon Teena, a transgender man, was raped and killed in 1993, a murder that spawned the film "Boys Don't Cry" and lobbying for LGBTQ hate-crime laws nationwide.

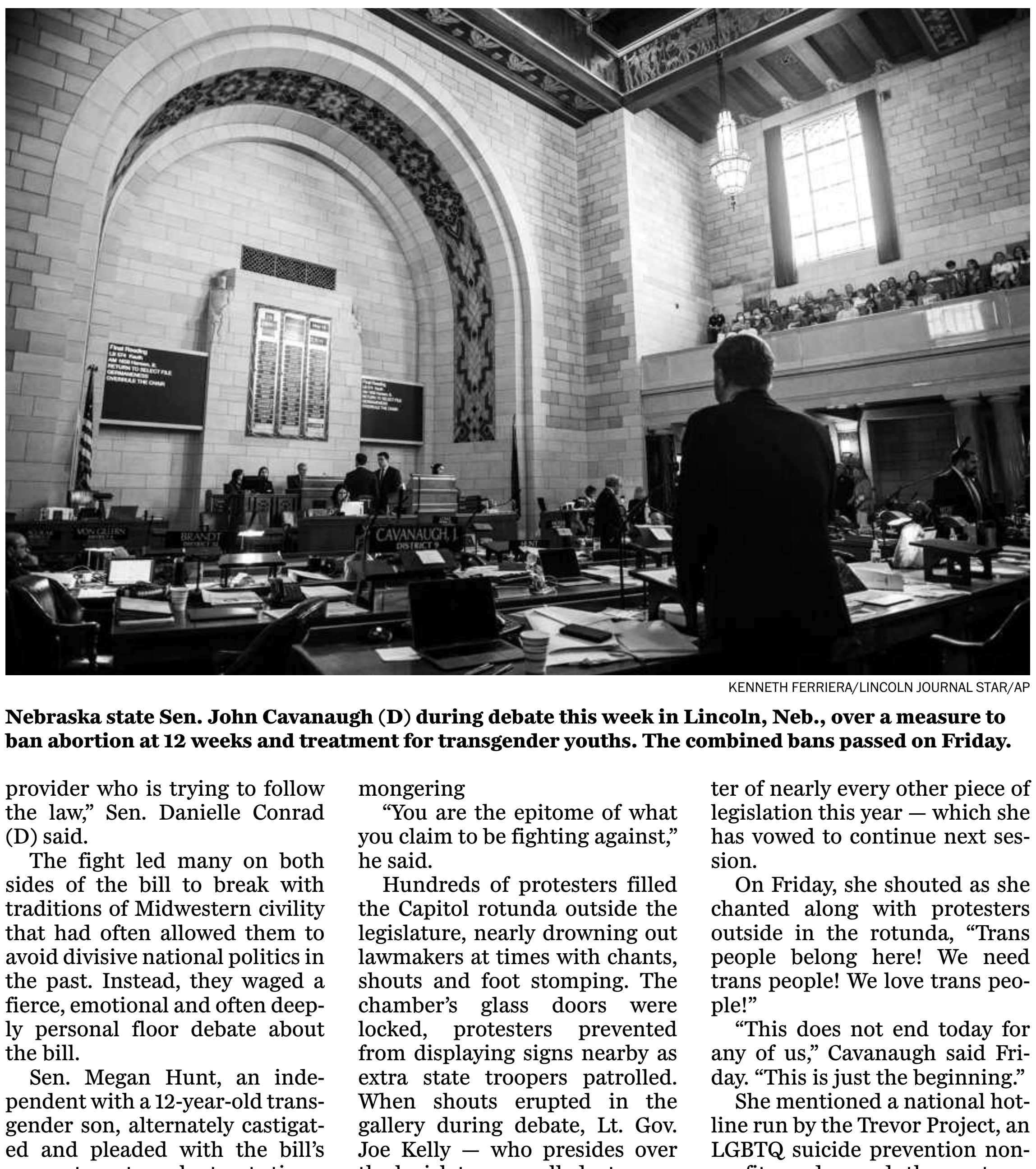
"The combination of these two bills is an unprecedented attack on our human and civil rights here in Nebraska," said Mindy Rush Chipman, interim executive director of the ACLU of Nebraska, who joined protesters at the Capitol on Friday.

In a statement after the vote, she said the organization was "exploring our options to address the harm of this extreme legislation."

"This is not over, not by a long shot," she said.

Opponents of the Nebraska bill in the single-chamber legislature accused conservatives of breaking the rules to pander to their base, rushing an abortion ban that would imperil even well-meaning doctors.

"You could ensnare a medical provider who is trying to follow the law," Sen. Danielle Conrad (D) said.



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Nebraska state Sen. John Cavanaugh (D) during debate this week in Lincoln, Neb., over a measure to ban abortion at 12 weeks and treatment for transgender youths. The combined bans passed on Friday.

The fight led many on both sides of the bill to break with traditions of Midwestern civility that had often allowed them to avoid divisive national politics in the past. Instead, they waged a fierce, emotional and often deeply personal floor debate about the bill.

Sen. Megan Hunt, an independent with a 12-year-old transgender son, alternately castigated and pleaded with the bill's supporters to relent, at times crying openly.

"We are in the midst of a time of unprecedented violence for LGBTQ people in our country," she said. "We are working to fight for rights that we have already won."

Sen. Brad von Gillern (R) accused Hunt and the bill's other opponents of lying and hatemongering

"You are the epitome of what you claim to be fighting against," he said.

Hundreds of protesters filled the Capitol rotunda outside the legislature, nearly drowning out lawmakers at times with chants, shouts and foot stomping. The chamber's glass doors were locked, protesters prevented from displaying signs nearby as extra state troopers patrolled. When shouts erupted in the gallery during debate, Lt. Gov. Joe Kelly — who presides over the legislature — called a temporary recess and directed security to clear the gallery.

"It's not what democracy looks like. It's what corruption looks like," Cavanaugh said, accusing the bill's supporters of being "bought by the governor."

Cavanaugh, aided by liberal colleagues, had attempted to block the bill with an epic filibuster of nearly every other piece of legislation this year — which she has vowed to continue next session.

On Friday, she shouted as she chanted along with protesters outside in the rotunda, "Trans people belong here! We need trans people! We love trans people!"

"This does not end today for any of us," Cavanaugh said Friday. "This is just the beginning."

She mentioned a national hotline run by the Trevor Project, an LGBTQ suicide prevention nonprofit, and urged those struggling as they watched the debate to call.

"Nebraska is watching. The country is watching today, and a lot of people are in pain," she said, later adding that she looked forward to seeing supporters of the bill voted out of office.

"The people will remember today."

116 media leaders from 42 countries call for Hong Kong to release Jimmy Lai

"**WE, AS PUBLISHERS AND EDITORS** of news media organizations from around the world, are united in support of *Apple Daily* founder and publisher Jimmy Lai, and his fight for media pluralism and press freedom in Hong Kong.

Jimmy Lai has stood for these values his entire life, and founded *Apple Daily* to ensure that the people of Hong Kong had access to vital independent information. In a tremendous act of courage, he chose to stay in Hong Kong and continued to publish as long as he could, despite the severe crackdown taking place around him.

Now it is our turn to stand up for Jimmy Lai, whose detention serves only to damage the reputation of the authorities in both China and Hong Kong. The arbitrary charges against him are clear violations of Chinese, Hong Kong, and international law.

In targeting this 75 year-old press freedom emblem, the Chinese regime has taken its attempts to control information beyond its borders, and made it a concern for the entire world. When press freedom is threatened anywhere, it is threatened everywhere.

Together with Reporters Without Borders (RSF), we stand with Jimmy Lai. We believe he has been targeted for publishing independent reporting, and we condemn all charges against him. We call for his immediate release, for the national security charges against him to be dropped, and for his convictions on other charges to be overturned.

We note that the case against Jimmy Lai takes place as part of a broader press freedom crackdown in Hong Kong, and are deeply concerned by the rapid deterioration of Hong Kong's press freedom climate, as reflected in RSF's World Press Freedom Index.

We call for the immediate release of all 13 of the currently detained journalists, and for any remaining charges against all 28 journalists targeted under national security and other laws over the past three years to be dropped.

We also call for immediate steps to allow for the reinstatement of media that have been forced to close, including *Apple Daily* and *Stand News*, which have served as devastating blows to media freedom in Hong Kong.

The universal right to press freedom must be protected for the people of Hong Kong and around the world."

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Brown cut a complex legacy off the field

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ball League, he "was something completely new," journalist and sports author David Halberstam wrote in 2001. "I have never again seen a running back who was so much better than everyone else who did what he did at the time he was doing it. He dominated his field in his era like few athletes ever have, perhaps matched only by Babe Ruth and Bill Russell."

At 6-foot-2 and about 230 pounds, Mr. Brown had an unmatched blend of strength and speed that enabled him to lead the NFL in rushing in eight of his nine years with the Browns. When he retired after the 1965 season, his 12,312 career rushing yards were a record that would stand for 19 years, until Walter Payton of the Chicago Bears broke it. Mr. Brown ran for more than 1,000 yards in a season seven times, and his 1,863 rushing yards in 1963 stood as the NFL record until surpassed by the Buffalo Bills' O.J. Simpson 10 years later.

Mr. Brown helped lead Cleveland to the NFL championship in 1964 and was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1971, in his first year of eligibility.

"As a pure runner he stands alone," his coach in Cleveland, Paul Brown, wrote in a 1979 autobiography. "Jim combined power, acceleration, speed and great balance with an inner toughness that never conceded the slightest edge to anybody."

Away from the playing field, however, Mr. Brown could be a complex, contradictory and troubled man. He was arrested at least seven times for assault, usually against women, including a 1968 incident in which he was accused of throwing a girlfriend off a second-story balcony.

His career began at the dawn of the civil rights movement, and he was acutely aware of the double standards that prevailed in sports and society.

Even when he was named NFL rookie of the year in 1957, he wasn't always allowed to stay at the same hotels or dine in the same restaurants as his White teammates. Mr. Brown became something of a symbolic figure early in his career, particularly when his team played Washington, whose owner, George Preston Marshall, stubbornly refused to put a Black player on the roster until 1962.

Washington Post sportswriter Shirley Povich mocked Marshall by noting that Mr. Brown and other African Americans were born "ineligible" to play for the Redskins. In 1960, Povich equated Mr. Brown's exploits on the gridiron with advances in the civil rights movement, writing that the player "integrated the Redskins' goal line with more than deliberate speed, perhaps exceeding the famous Supreme Court decree. Brown fled the 25 yards like a man in an uncommon hurry and the Redskins' goal line, at least, became interracial."

From football to film

After leading the NFL with 1,544 rushing yards in 1965 and being named the league's most valuable player, Mr. Brown spent the offseason filming the World War II action drama "The Dirty Dozen." When the movie production was delayed, interfering with the beginning of training camp, Mr. Brown stayed with the movie, abruptly retired and never played football again.

He held 15 NFL records at the time, leaving generations of football fans to speculate on what he might have accomplished had he played a few more years.

Mr. Brown was not one to look back.

"I was a symbol of a Black man who wanted all of my freedoms," he told The Washington Post in 1979. "It's very difficult for White America to understand that if you are part of football's elite why you are not satisfied with recognition and good money. ... As an American citizen, I wanted the same rights as all Americans. Anyone who expected me to be overjoyed that I was doing well in football would be disappointed."

Mr. Brown appeared as an actor in more than 50 movies, many of them action films such as "Ice Station Zebra" (1968) and "100 Rifles" (1969). In the latter, set in early 20th-century Mexico, Mr. Brown played an American sheriff and co-star Raquel Welch played a peasant leader, and they performed one of the first interracial love scenes ever shown on-screen.

"The acting of Mr. Brown, a big, fine-looking chap, is strictly tentative," critic Howard Thompson wrote in the New York Times, "but he does have presence."

Despite his larger-than-life image, no one, it seemed, could fully explain the complexities of Jim Brown. He had a way of feigning weakness but proving strength, on the field and off it.

After carrying the ball, he would slowly pull himself off the turf and hobble back toward the huddle. As opponents relaxed, content that they had slowed him up, he would carry the ball again, running over would-be tacklers.

Mr. Brown never missed a game in his nine-year career and is the only player in NFL history to average more than 100 yards rushing per game — 104.3, to be exact.

Former Washington defensive back Jim Steffen was once asked how to stop him. "Hold on and wait for help," he advised.

'Source of energy and change'

Deeply conscious of the influence athletes held over young people, Mr. Brown often criticized other high-profile Black athletes for ignoring what he considered their responsibility to be role models.

In 1988, he founded Amer-I-Can, an organization aimed at fostering self-esteem and defusing tension among gang members and prisoners.

"The young Black male is the most powerful source of energy and change we have," he told The Post in 1991. "My hope is to start a direction where these young men will be given respect and taught how to utilize it."

In the 1960s, Mr. Brown joined other Black athletes — including Russell, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Muhammad Ali — in calling for social change. His early friendship with Ali was portrayed in the 2020 film "One Night in Miami," in which Mr. Brown was played by actor Aldis Hodge.

Mr. Brown's private life was tumultuous. In his 1989 memoir, "Out of Bounds," he revealed that he often attended sex parties and had extramarital affairs. He was involved in several instances of assaults against women.

His first marriage, to Sue James, ended in divorce in 1972. In 2002, he spent nearly four months in jail for using a shovel to shatter the windows of a car belonging to his second wife, the former Monique Gunthrop, who was almost 40 years his junior. They remained married after his release.

He was predeceased by a daughter and had seven surviving children, but a complete list of survivors was not immediately available.

Multisport star

James Nathaniel Brown was born Feb. 17, 1936, on Georgia's St. Simons Island. His father, a former boxer, abandoned the family, and his mother took a housekeeper's job in New York, leaving her son to be raised by a great-grandmother.

Mr. Brown was 8 when he joined his mother on Long Island, and sports became his refuge. At Manhasset High School, he played football, baseball and lacrosse, ran track, starred on the basketball team and was chief justice of the school's student court. After earning 13 varsity letters, he was offered athletic scholarships by 45 colleges and selected Syracuse University in Upstate New York.

Mr. Brown excelled in basketball and track and field and once finished fifth in a national decathlon competition. He was an all-American lacrosse player at Syracuse and was named to the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1983, 12 years before he was selected to the College Football Hall of Fame.

On the gridiron at Syracuse, he scored 43 points in a game in 1956 — six touchdowns and seven extra points as a kicker — to set an NCAA record that stood for more than 40 years.

By the time Mr. Brown graduated from Syracuse in 1957, he had earned 10 varsity letters in four sports. The Cleveland Browns made him the sixth selection in the NFL draft, and he turned down offers to play professional basketball and to become a boxer so he could play football.

The Browns — named for founding coach Paul Brown — had an early legacy of racial integration. In 1946, one year before Jackie Robinson became the first African American major league baseball player of the 20th century, the Browns had two Black players, middle guard Bill Willis and Marion Motley, a fullback whose powerful running style foreshadowed that of Jim Brown.

Paul Brown, who was Cleveland's coach through the 1962 season, struggled to understand his young star and sometimes quarreled with him. In his autobiography, Paul Brown criticized Jim Brown's "lack of effort in blocking, which in some instances was so poor that pass rushers went right past him."

The coach also saw what he considered flaws in his character.

"Jim's biggest problem was his attitude, and his worst enemy was himself," Paul Brown wrote. "By nature he was an unhappy man, it seemed to me. Throughout his time with us he was a loner and never said much to anyone. He had few friends on the team, and none of long standing."

Jim Brown said his coach was part of the old guard in sports — and throughout the United States — that did not appreciate the social changes unfolding at the time.

"Paul represented in general what White America thought at the time," he told The Post in 1979. "White America always felt that Black Americans who enjoyed great status in football ought to be satisfied."

He added: "As far as my blocking was concerned, he was absolutely right. It is difficult to be a racehorse and a plow horse at the same time."

In later years, as his acting roles grew more infrequent, Mr. Brown's rough edges never softened. He continued to counsel prisoners and youths with a no-nonsense message of tough love and had a stormy relationship with his old team, the Browns. Finally, in 2013, the team honored Mr. Brown with a ceremony during a game in Cleveland and named him a special adviser.

It marked one of the few times, since he left the field of play, that Mr. Brown looked back, if only for a moment, at his past glories. For decades, the game of football missed Jim Brown more than he missed it.

"I quit with regret," he said, "but not sorrow."

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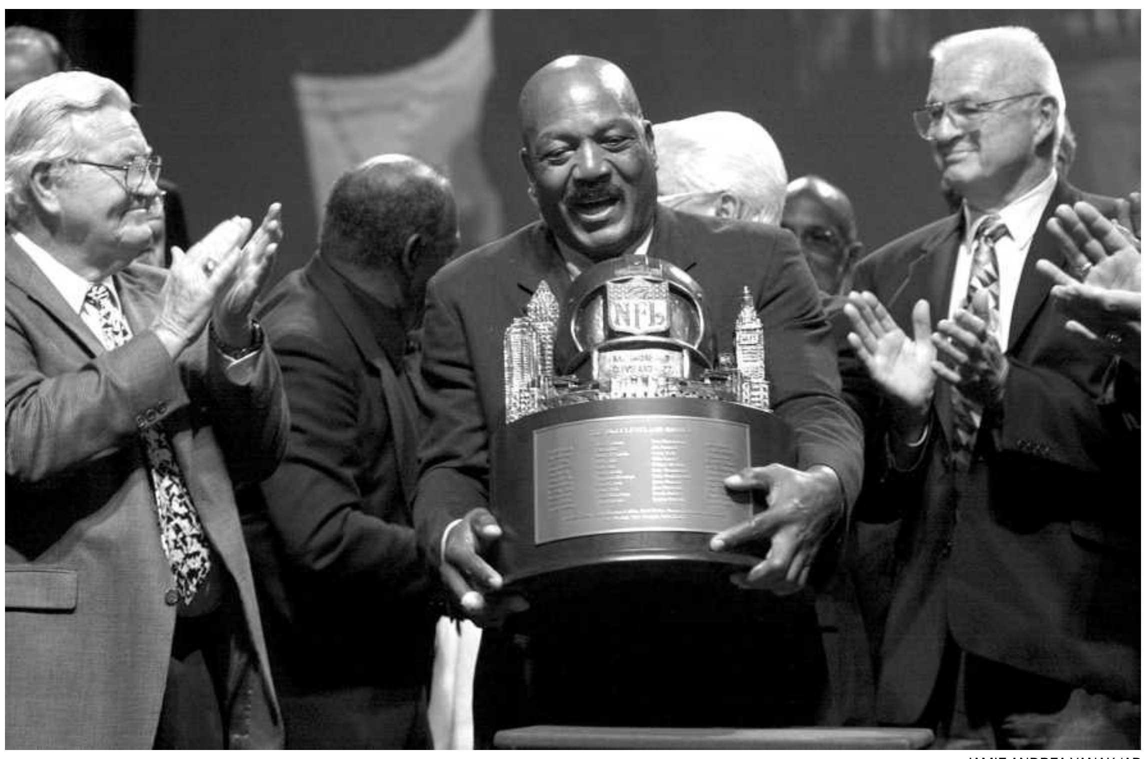
Bill Russell, front left, Muhammad Ali, Jim Brown and Lew Alcindor (before he converted to Islam and took the name Kareem Abdul-Jabbar) gather with top Black athletes who supported Ali's refusal to fight in Vietnam, on June 4, 1967. Brown organized the convention.



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ABOVE: Bernie Parish, left, and Paul Wiggin flank Brown as they and members of the Browns' 1964 team mark the 40th anniversary of their championship season at Severance Hall in Cleveland in 2004. BELOW: Brown works on gang intervention and prevention as part of his passion for juvenile justice.

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Jim Brown

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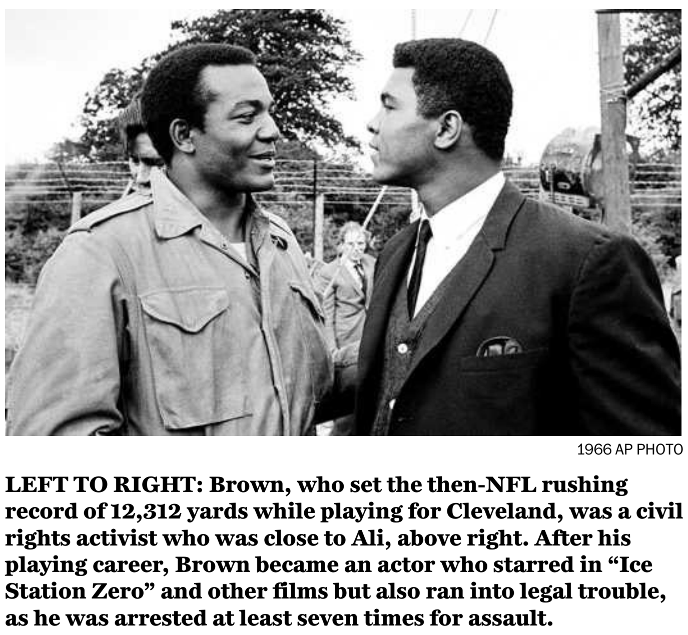

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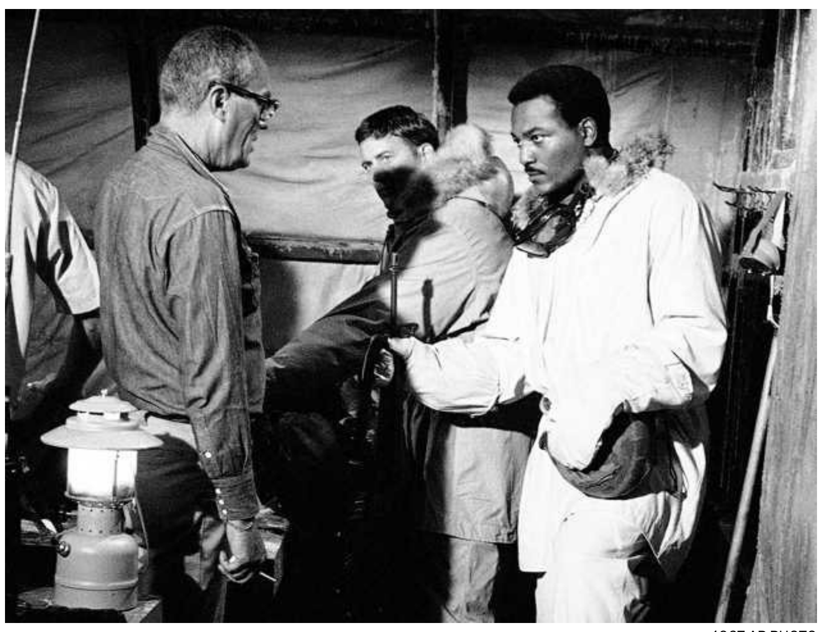

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Brown, who set the then-NFL rushing record of 12,312 yards while playing for Cleveland, was a civil rights activist who was close to Ali, above right. After his playing career, Brown became an actor who starred in "Ice Station Zero" and other films but also ran into legal trouble, as he was arrested at least seven times for assault.

Border strain eases, but many migrants released into U.S.

Agents have been quietly alleviating overcrowding in detention, processing

BY NICK MIROFF AND MARIA SACCHETTI

DANIELLE VILLASANA FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Migrants gather near the Ysleta Port of Entry after being told by Texas National Guard to leave where they had been seated under the Zaragoza Bridge in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, on May 13.

The number of migrants crossing the southern border illegally has continued to fall in the week since the Biden administration lifted pandemic restrictions, easing pressure on weary U.S. agents and overcrowded holding facilities, the Department of Homeland Security said Friday.

But unpublished data obtained by The Washington Post on Friday show far more migrants were released into the United States over the past week than deported or returned to their home countries.

Biden administration officials have been publicizing their deportation operations since May 11, part of a messaging campaign to discourage migrants from hiring smugglers and attempting to enter the United States illegally. DHS said it sent more than 11,000 migrants, including families with children, to more than 30 countries during the past week, while issuing daily news releases describing ramped-up deportations.

More quietly, however, border authorities have been trying to alleviate crowding inside jam-packed detention cells and processing tents along the border by releasing thousands of migrants while their immigration claims are pending in U.S. courts — a practice that for years has been a major driver of illegal entries.

The crowding became especially acute last week as record numbers of migrants arrived in anticipation of the end of the Title 42 border policy, which allowed illegal border-crossers to be quickly expelled to Mexico but did not attach legal penalties for repeat offenders.

Since the policy ended last week, roughly 21,000 migrants have been released by the U.S. Border Patrol with a notice to appear in U.S. immigration court at some point in the future, the unpublished data shows.

The average amount of time migrants are spending in Border Patrol custody is three to four days at busy crossings points such as El Paso and the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas, so some of those released during the past week arrived while Title 42 was still in place.

Marsha Espinosa, a spokesperson for DHS, said the migrants who were released included families and border-crossers who arrived before new asylum restrictions went into effect May 12.

Homeland Security officials had predicted a significant increase in illegal crossings when the Title 42 policy lifted, and President Biden told reporters that the period was likely to be "chaotic for a while." Once border-patrol facilities are closer to their normal holding capacity, authorities say, the government will have more resources available to process recent border crossers for deportation.

What occurred was the opposite: Record numbers of migrants rushed to enter the United States before — not after — the expiration of the pandemic rules. Many told reporters they were spurred by U.S. threats to ramp up deportations when the pandemic rules were no longer in place.

U.S. agents have made 4,000 border arrests per day on average over the past week, down about 60 percent from the days leading up to the expiration of the Title 42 policy on May 11, the latest DHS figures show. The number of migrants held in Border Patrol stations and processing tents has plunged from about 30,000 a week ago to fewer than 10,000 on Friday, according to the latest numbers obtained by The Post.

"We are encouraged by this progress, but it is too soon to draw any definitive conclusions about or predict trends," DHS officials said in a statement. "The underlying conditions prompting historic migration in the Western Hemisphere remain, and smugglers will continue to spread disinformation to entice migrants to make the dangerous journey."

Approximately 28,000 migrants arrived during the past week. Biden administration officials did not respond to questions about how many of them were among the 21,000 released into the United States with a pending claim for humanitarian protection.

Theresa Cardinal Brown, a senior immigration policy adviser at the Bipartisan Policy Center, a D.C. think tank, said it is too soon to know if the administration's enforcement plans are working. "A couple of days, even a couple of weeks, is not enough time to judge the overall effectiveness of any policy change," she said. "We're more likely to be seeing a pause right now. It's everybody, the migrants, smugglers, the community, trying to figure out the new rules."

She said it's likely that migrant-smuggling networks are temporarily holding off as they watch how the Biden administration handles the border. If federal officials are detaining and deporting most migrants, then that could dissuade others from crossing. But if migrants are being released into the United States to await a court hearing, she said, that could inspire others to follow.

"They're trying to understand what's happening to people arriving now," she said. "They're paying attention to who's getting in, who's getting deported, what did they encounter."

"If the reality on the ground is not matching the rhetoric very quickly everybody's going to figure that out."

The Biden administration's new enforcement system is also fragile because it is subject to court rulings that could temporarily enjoin its policies. A Florida judge last week blocked officials from quickly releasing migrants without a court date — an emergency tactic the Border Patrol was using to relieve crowding in its facilities.

On Wednesday, an 8-year-old girl who had been held at a Border Patrol station in South Texas died after a medical emergency. The child, Anadith Tanay Reyes Álvarez, was traveling with her parents and two siblings, according to a Honduran official.

"When you have overcrowding, those risks go up," Brown said.

The Biden administration has faced intense Republican criticism over its immigration policies, and in particular the mass releases of migrants into the United States with pending humanitarian claims. Lawmakers have deadlocked, however, on proposals to overhaul U.S. immigration laws and address immigration court backlogs.

Migrants' odds of deportation vary widely depending on nationality, demographics and other factors. Unaccompanied minors who cross the border are automatically transferred to Health and Human Services and generally released to a relative or guardian. Those who arrive as part of a family group are far less likely to be detained or returned home. Asylum seekers who pass a preliminary screening known as a credible fear interview are released with a pending court date.

DHS officials said they are hopeful the decline in crossings over the past week is a response to new Biden policies that increase opportunities for migrants to temporarily live and work in the United States legally, while threatening stiffer consequences for those who enter unlawfully.

During the past week, Biden officials said an average of 1,070 migrants per day were given appointments at U.S. border checkpoints, or ports of entry, which under a new rule is the first step in seeking asylum in the United States. The appointments are available through a mobile app, CBP One, that many migrants and immigrant advocates describe as glitchy and difficult to use.

DHS officials, however, say thousands of migrants are successfully using CBP One instead of paying smugglers. The top three nationalities of people who received U.S. appointments through the app were Haitian, Mexican and Venezuelan, noted DHS officials, who have faced criticism from immigrant advocacy groups alleging the CBP One app discriminates against Haitians.

An additional 7,000 migrants from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela were allowed to enter the United States legally during the past week through a special humanitarian parole program set up for them because conditions in their home countries limit deportations, officials said.

Migrants who attempt to enter the United States without an appointment are subject to new tighter asylum restrictions enacted by the Biden administration to discourage illegal crossings. The restrictions penalize asylum seekers if they don't seek protection in another country on their way to the border, though advocates are suing to block that measure, arguing that it violates federal law.

DHS has not said how many migrants were rejected under the new rule. But Human Rights First and other nonprofits said in a report that advocates for immigrants witnessed migrants being turned back to unsanitary tent encampments in Mexico because they did not have a prior appointment. Some were prevented by Mexican authorities from even reaching the U.S. border, the advocates said.

DHS officials said they sent more than 1,100 migrants from Venezuela, Nicaragua, Haiti and Cuba back to Mexico over the past week, highlighting an accord with Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador that for the first time is allowing the U.S. authorities to deport non-Mexicans back across the border.

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THE WORLD

Arab embrace of Assad underscores divergence with U.S. over Syria

Once-shunned president's reception at summit signals shifting regional dynamics

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Syrian President Bashar al-Assad is greeted by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, on Friday.

BY MISSY RYAN

Middle Eastern leaders welcomed President Bashar al-Assad at a regional summit on Friday, representing a major triumph for the once-shunned Syrian leader as he seeks to shut the door on a decade of bloody civil war.

Syria's return to the Arab League after an 11-year suspension — another step in the country's regional reintegration following a prolonged exile over its brutal handling of political uprising — also highlights the stark gap between the United States and some of its closest Middle Eastern partners on an issue that once united them.

The Biden administration, like European allies, has vowed to maintain its policy of isolation and pressure against Assad, whose campaign to crush dissent that began amid the Arab Spring uprisings of 2011 has resulted in the death of hundreds of thousands of people and displacement of half his country's population.

U.S. officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe sensitive diplomatic discussions, said they have consulted with Middle Eastern leaders about their steps to embrace deeper ties with Syria. They say the Biden administration supports those countries' overall goals in Syria, including diminishing the influence of shared adversary Iran.

"There has been disagreement on the tactics and sequencing," one senior official said. "But there is generally alignment on ultimate objectives," including the understanding that Washington intends to keep tightly in place sanctions that prohibit companies and countries from doing business with Damascus.

Despite early hopes that the rebellion would make way for a more open, democratic Syria, Assad has outlasted scores of his opponents and clawed back territory with the help of economic and military aid from Moscow and Tehran. He now boasts nominal control over nearly two-thirds of the country, according to U.S. estimates, with the remnants of the Islamic State severely diminished.

The rapprochement reflects a recognition in Middle Eastern capitals that, despite earlier efforts to cultivate a formidable opposition to Assad, the U.S.-led policy of replacing the Syrian leader failed, having set the stage for the rise of the Islamic State and the expansion of Iranian military power on NATO's borders.

But analysts say the disconnect over Syria between Washington and key partners — including Saudi Arabia, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates — also highlights the shifting dynamics in U.S.-Middle Eastern ties, as Arab leaders accuse the United States of neglecting the region in favor of a focus on competition with China and Russia.

Aaron David Miller, a former State Department official now at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said that while the notion of America's abandonment of the Middle East was overblown — the Pentagon maintains major bases in Bahrain and Qatar, among other places — the growing U.S. focus on "great power competition," in addition to political upheaval in Washington and increased autonomy in fossil fuels, had the effect of prompting many regional nations to hedge their bets.

"The signals that we have sent in any number of ways compel smaller powers who were dependent on us, who looked to us for support and leverage, to readjust," he said.

The evolving dynamics mirror the challenges President Biden has faced in building support for his campaign to isolate Moscow over the war in Ukraine among major developing nations like Brazil, South Africa and Pakistan, and in the Middle East, as those countries weigh U.S. priorities against China's expanded clout and Russia's attempts to court nations frustrated by the West's liberal democracies.

U.S. officials privately concur with many Arab nations' conclusion that the effort to transform Syria, begun under the Obama administration, yielded little. The United States, along with several Gulf nations, including Saudi Arabia and Qatar, supported initiatives early in the war to train and arm rebels seeking to overthrow Assad. Those lost momentum as larger, more powerful extremist groups gained ground and Russia plunged into the war in 2015, throwing a powerful lifeline to Assad.

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman opened the summit in the Red Sea city of Jiddah saying he hoped Syria's return would bring stability to the region.

Assad, in his own televised address, lauded what he described as a "historic opportunity to rearrange our affairs with the least amount of foreign interference."

He said he hoped the summit would represent a new stage of action by Arab states "for solidarity between us, for peace in our region, and for growth and prosperity rather than war and destruction," he concluded.

Assad's government has been accused of horrific crimes, including the repeated use of chemical weapons on civilians and frequent targeting of hospitals, schools and other protected sites.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky made a surprise appearance at the summit, calling for Middle Eastern support for his country's campaign to repel the invasion launched by Russian President Vladimir Putin in 2022.

For Assad, Russian military aid has been central in his campaign to bomb opposition areas and cling to power despite the years-long challenge to his rule.

U.S. officials stressed that Syria's return to the Arab League, an initiative led by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, does not constitute a regionwide normalization with the Assad regime but rather a continuation of a trend that began in 2018, when Bahrain and UAE resumed diplomatic relations with Syria. Just this month, Saudi Arabia agreed to reopen its embassy in Damascus.

U.S. officials downplayed the suggestion that Assad's appearance among fellow leaders in the Arab League, which has limited practical power, represents a transformative moment for the Middle East. They reject the idea that rapprochement with Syria, over U.S. protests, is linked to the perception, widely shared across the Middle East, of a diminished American role in the region.

Officials said they don't expect Arab nations to test U.S. sanctions, which are designed to prohibit major investment.

Some Arab nations have been less supportive of deepening ties. Qatar, which has feuded with other Gulf states in recent years, said it disagreed with Syria's re-inclusion in the Arab League but would not pose an "obstacle" to a move backed by regional powers.

U.S. officials say they worked with Arab countries to come up with a list of demands on Assad, but they remain skeptical he will deliver. In addition to checking Iran's influence and containing Syria's export of captagon, an illegal stimulant, neighboring countries hope to arrange the return of some of the millions of Syrian refugees whose long stays have strained their economies.

The administration's commitment to a severe Syria policy was reinforced this month by a bipartisan group of lawmakers, including the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Rep. Michael McCaul (R-Tex.), who recently introduced a bill that would strengthen the sanctions and prohibit the U.S. government from recognizing the Assad regime.

William F. Wechsler, a former Pentagon official who heads Middle East programs at the Atlantic Council, said that while the Biden administration had communicated its disapproval of steps to rehabilitate Assad's tie to Middle Eastern partners, it was also evident that Syria is no longer an American priority.

Arab nations "are accurately judging the U.S. position on normalization, which is the United States doesn't want to have its fingerprints on it, doesn't want to support it, but the United States is not going to do anything to prevent it from happening," he said.

U.S. officials say the growing rapprochement will have little effect on the ongoing U.S. counterinsurgent mission in northeast Syria, where hundreds of U.S. troops remain stationed to prevent the resurgence of the Islamic State. They say Assad's weakened military is not capable of pressing into those areas, which are controlled by Syrian Kurdish forces.

DIGEST

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People march during a protest against violence in Belgrade, Serbia, on Friday. They were among thousands rallying in the nation's capital for the third time in a month over the government's handling of two recent mass shootings.

PERSIAN GULF

U.S., allies show naval unity in Hormuz strait

The Mideast-based commanders of the U.S., British and French navies transited the Strait of Hormuz on Friday aboard an American warship, a sign of their unified approach to keep the crucial waterway open after Iran seized two oil tankers.

Tensions in the Persian Gulf have been volatile since Iran's nuclear deal with world powers collapsed, following the U.S.' unilateral withdrawal five years ago. The incredibly rare joint trip by the three navy chiefs aboard the USS Paul Hamilton, an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer, saw three fast boats of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard approach the vessel at one point.

While the Revolutionary Guard kept its distance from the Paul Hamilton and the British frigate HMS Lancaster, its presence showed just how tense passage for vessels can be in the Strait of Hormuz, the mouth of the Persian Gulf through which a fifth of global oil supplies passes.

"Iran has seized or attacked 15 ships in the last two years. Eight seizures and seven attacks," Vice Adm. Brad Cooper, who oversees the U.S. Navy's Mideast-based 5th Fleet, told the Associated Press.

— Associated Press

SOUTH KOREA

Thousands of nurses strike in pay dispute

Tens of thousands of South Korean nurses went on strike on Friday after President Yoon Suk Yeol vetoed a law to improve their pay and working conditions amid protests from doctors and nursing assistants who said the bill would hurt their jobs.

The bill passed the opposition-led parliament last month, prompting protests from some medical workers who said the new law would open the door for nurses to provide treatment without a medical license.

Nurses say that the doctors' claim is groundless and that the country needs more care centers to cope with its rapidly aging population.

In vetoing the bill, Yoon said that the new law caused excessive conflict among medical workers and that nursing practices outside medical institutions would cause public anxiety over the health-care system.

The Korean Nurses Association, which led the walkout, strongly denounced Yoon, saying he abandoned his promise as a presidential candidate to improve nurses' working conditions.

"We will make the politicians and the bureaucrats pay the price for leading the president to veto the bill," association President Kim Yeong-kyeong said.

— Reuters

4,000 prisoners released in Zimbabwe: Zimbabwe has begun releasing more than 4,000 prisoners under a presidential amnesty that authorities say will help ease congestion in some overcrowded jails. About 800 prisoners were released Friday from the Central Prison and Chikurubi Maximum Prison in the capital, Harare. Jails in other parts of the country began releasing prisoners who qualified for the amnesty on Thursday, said Zimbabwe Prisons and Correctional Services spokeswoman Meya Khanyezi. Zimbabwe's prisons have a capacity of 17,000 but hold more than 20,000 inmates.

Driver breaches Vatican security: A man who breached Vatican security on Thursday evening, driving at high speed through a gate of the city-state and reaching a central courtyard of the Apostolic Palace, was arrested and will undergo compulsory medical treatment, the Vatican said. A statement on Thursday said a Vatican police officer fired a gun and hit the car. The man, described as about 40 and in an unstable state of mind, did not get near the guesthouse on the other side of Vatican City where Pope Francis lives. The statement said the security breach occurred about 8 p.m., when the man drove through St. Ann's gate.

U.S., U.N. condemn anti-Arab slogans in Israel: The United States and the United Nations condemned on Friday anti-Arab slogans chanted during an annual march in Jerusalem's Old City that drew tens of thousands of Israeli nationalists a day earlier. The heavily policed, flag-waving procession, passing through Palestinian-populated areas such as Damascus Gate and the Muslim Quarter, is the main event of Jerusalem Day, when Israel marks its capture of the eastern part of the city in a 1967 war. It saw some groups of Jewish youths confronting and beating Palestinians, chanting "Death to Arabs" and waving racist banners.

— From news services

WAR IN UKRAINE

Fighter jets may arrive by fall, too late for expected counteroffensive

UKRAINE FROM **A1**

Suddenly, President Biden has said yes. European allies with F-16s in their arsenals, several of which have indicated they may be willing to supply them, have been given the administration's go-ahead to send the planes as soon as supplies and logistics are coordinated and Ukrainian pilots and mechanics can be trained to use them.

The turnaround, according to U.S., European and Ukrainian officials, is the result of steady pressure from allies, Congress and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, who just completed visits to European capitals and is reportedly on his way to meet with G-7 leaders in Hiroshima, Japan, after stopping at the Arab League summit in Saudi Arabia.

The move to supply Kyiv with advanced fighter jets comes amid concern that Ukraine's counteroffensive may not strike the knockout blow many have been hoping for. Despite Ukraine's brave resistance over the winter and spring, many officials in Washington and Western capitals are concerned that the war will continue this year, and perhaps beyond.

U.S. officials said Secretary of State Antony Blinken was a major force within the administration in pushing to allow the allies to transfer the jets, and worked extensively with different countries within NATO to move the policy forward.

Blinken played a similar role when NATO was at an impasse over whether to provide modern tanks to Ukraine. At the time, Germany was hesitant to approve the transfer of Leopard 2 tanks — a roadblock that was overcome when Blinken pushed the White House to approve the transfer of M1 Abrams tanks, over Pentagon reluctance, making sure allies on both sides of the Atlantic were making major commitments to the war effort in tandem.

President Biden informed G-7 allies of the F-16 decision at their ongoing summit in Japan, national security adviser Jake Sullivan confirmed to reporters on Saturday morning in Japan.

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A Belgian F-16 jet fighter in 2022. The likely suppliers — primarily northern European countries with F-16s such as the Netherlands, Denmark, Norway and Poland — need time to review their arsenals.

The timeline may not be quite as rapid as Ukraine anticipates, as what are likely to be the willing suppliers — primarily northern European countries with F-16s such as the Netherlands, Denmark, Norway and Poland — need time to review their arsenals for availability and training gets underway.

Last Monday, Zelensky said during a visit to Britain that he and Prime Minister Rishi Sunak had discussed the transfer of fighter jets with "very positive" results. "I see that in the closest time you will hear some, I think, very important decisions, but we have to work a little bit more on it," Zelensky told reporters.

The next day, after Sunak met with Mark Rutte, his counterpart from the Netherlands, a British spokesperson announced that the two governments had agreed to "work to build an international coalition to provide Ukraine with combat air capabilities, supporting with everything from training to procuring F-16 jets."

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> **Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky,** in a tweet

A spokesperson for the Dutch government declined to comment.

"I welcome the historic decision of the United States and @POTUS to support an international fighter jet coalition," Zelensky tweeted Friday. "I count on discussing the practical implementation of this decision at the G7 summit."

The British do not fly F-16s, and has its own fourth-generation fighter jet, the Tornado, on which it has already agreed to train Ukrainian pilots. Britain has repeatedly played a significant role in pushing the allies to move more quickly on lethal aid, including its decision in December to send Challenger tanks to Ukraine. Last week, the British announced they had begun supplying Ukraine with Storm Shadow cruise missiles, whose range of nearly 200 miles is more than triple that of the farthest-reaching munition the United States has yet transferred. The Storm Shadows are already at use on the battlefield.

Ukraine is seeking sophisticated fighter jets not for aerial dogfights with Russian planes, which rarely fly over Ukrainian territory, but to be able to fire missiles from behind its own front lines, across Russian defenses to strike command posts, supply lines and ammunition depots, according to Ukrainian officials. While Kyiv has indicated it would not turn down an offer of jets other than the F-16, it is clearly their aircraft of choice, both in the current fight and in the coming years as Ukraine builds its armed forces.

Most of the Russian missiles targeting Ukrainian cities and civilian infrastructure are fired from inside Russia or over the Black Sea. But the radar on Soviet-era planes currently in the Ukrainian arsenal "can see only 60 kilometers and hit targets only using rockets with 30 kilometers range" Ukrainian Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov said in a recent interview.

Modern Russian fighters, such as the SU-35, "can see a longer range — 200 kilometers — and hit targets with a range of more than 150 kilometers," Reznikov said. "It's a huge difference."

Of all the Western fourth-generation fighters, including Tornados and the French-made Mirage, the F-16 is most desirable "because of its versatility, because of the payloads that it carries, because of the type of missiles that it is capable of carrying, because of the range of its radars, because of the range of its missiles," Sak said.

Ukraine, he said, is asking for at least two squadrons, each with 12 planes. Ideally, it would like to receive enough for three or four squadrons. "And of course, we need pilots to be trained for these 40-50 aircraft," Sak said. "We need the engineers and we need to make sure that the logistics and infrastructure are in place."

Ukrainian defense officials have long argued that the combined arms maneuvers Kyiv plans to employ in the upcoming offensive, with coordinated artillery, tanks and infantry troops, also require air cover. The Pentagon, which has been training Ukrainian troops to conduct such operations, does not disagree. But until now it has insisted, amid concerns of escalation and possible loss of sensitive technology to Russia, that Kyiv's Soviet-era aircraft would be enough.

The United States is not planning, for the moment at least, to supply F-16s itself, although initial reluctance about sending sophisticated weapons systems, from precision missile launchers and heavy battle tanks to Patriot air defense batteries, has been gradually overcome as the war has continued.

Congress must be formally notified and given an opportunity to object to allowing the F-16 third-party transfers, a step the administration has not yet taken. The time limit for congressional response to notification is shortened, from 30 to 15 days, if the country asking for approval is a NATO member or a handful of other close defense allies.

While some lawmakers have objected to the flow of tens of billions of dollars of U.S. weaponry, support for Ukraine is still broad and deep in Congress, where some members have specifically urged Biden to move on F-16s. Paths to block the decision are limited to the passage of legislation specifically prohibiting the move, or of a veto-proof resolution of disapproval in the House and Senate.

In recent memory, the only congressional blockage of White House plans to sell or transfer arms occurred in 1986, when the Reagan administration sidestepped opposition by withdrawing a planned sale of Stinger missiles to Saudi Arabia. Under the current administration, Congress has moved to attach restrictions on proposed F-16 sales to Turkey. President Trump successfully vetoed a legislative attempt to prevent arms sales to Saudi Arabia.

Republicans were reluctant to give Biden credit for changing course. Responding to reports that the president had authorized U.S. training of some Ukrainian pilots, Sen. Roger Wicker (Miss.), ranking Republican of the Senate Armed Services Committee, called Biden's "delay" on the F-16s "just the latest example of our allies seizing the initiative before the U.S. does."

Stern reported from Kyiv. Matt Viser in Hiroshima, Japan, Missy Ryan in Washington, and Siobhán O'Grady and Isabelle Khurshudyan in Ukraine contributed to this report.

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Ukrainian soldiers in the Kherson region adjust the position of a howitzer. Kyiv's forces are on the west side of the Dnieper River, and Moscow's are on the east, with fighting mainly on the islands in between.

Kyiv's troops in Kherson work to make 'the enemy nervous'

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the peninsula that was illegally annexed by Moscow in 2014.

Ukrainian special operations forces have already crossed over to the east side of the river for raids along the shore, Drapatyy said, but the Ukrainians do not have any stable posts there yet. The Russian positions are some three miles inland from the river, and the Ukrainians would need to push them back at least six more miles to put the city of Kherson, on the west side and under the control of Ukrainian forces, out of artillery range.

"We are trying not only to show our presence but also to make the enemy nervous by active actions in those areas," Drapatyy said.

Russian forces retreated from the west bank of the Dnieper River in November, when Ukrainian forces came within striking range of the bridge crossings, threatening to trap the occupying troops, who would have no way of getting to their strongholds on the other side. The Russians opted to pull back their forces to the east bank and blow up any bridges behind them. That left the Ukrainians without an obvious way across to continue the assault.

Now, artillery shells and drones loaded with explosives fly across the river daily, the battle settling into one of distance while Ukrainian assault units train twice a week for operations to cross the Dnieper both by boat and using a pontoon bridge, Drapatyy said. Ukraine also has started constructing barges that could be used to transport heavy weaponry across the river.

"Maybe I'm an optimist, but I do believe in the time that will come, when we need to set up logistics," Drapatyy said, "we will not be able to solve the issue with just one or two or three pontoon bridges, so we will use everything we can, including army aviation, and we are working on this issue and preparing for it."

Challenges remain: The Ukrainians don't yet have a bridgehead, and any attempt at one would immediately be targeted by Russian artillery.

"And the Russians mined everything on the other side," said Col. Roman Kostenko, a member of Ukraine's parliament who is part of a unit that works with special operations forces. "The water is mined, and the shore is mined."

"You're going to get killed right away trying to cross," Kostenko said. "There would need to be a logistical reason for it all. Some 20 or 30 people could quietly take some piece of territory that is 100 meters, but then artillery will bury them within 15 minutes. If you're going to do it, then you need to do it for something — a bridgehead and then to create a logistics chain for an accumulation of troops."

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ABOVE: The Antonovsky Bridge was destroyed by the Russians as they retreated from the west to the east side of the Dnieper in November, when Ukrainian forces came within striking range of the river's crossings. LEFT: Ukrainian soldiers prepare to load a howitzer. Shells and drones fly across the Dnieper daily, the battle settling into one of distance as Ukrainian troops train for a cross-river attack.

But the Ukrainians' first priority is reclaiming the islands between the riverbanks, where the main fight is taking place now, because it could give Kyiv's forces a closer launch point to cross to the Dnieper's east bank. Drapatyy said the islands are "90 percent" under Ukrainian control, "if not with our physical presence, then under visual and fire control."

"In the future, this may be one of the areas for a bridgehead where we will accumulate forces," he said. "And perhaps if we divert attention to another front, we will be successful."

On Velykyi Potomkin, the largest of the islands and where the river splits south of Kherson city, Russian forces are on the southern edges while Ukrainians are posted on the northern side. Now-abandoned vacation cottages have wooden piers. Soldiers approaching in dinghies cut the motor as they get closer, quietly docking and then scrambling inside.

"You move quickly until the enemy drone sees you or until the mortar fire kills you," said Andrii, the commander of a unit that has been part of the battles on Velykyi Potomkin. The Post agreed to identify Andrii only by his first name because he was not authorized to speak about his operations.

"You run to the houses," Andrii said. "If they start shooting, you run to the next one."

Andrii said he "thought we were going to die" the first time he and his men got into their boats and crossed the river last winter. The Ukrainians got lucky, he said, and landed on a spot of the island where the Russians weren't at the time. When the Russians finally got there, the Ukrainians ambushed them — and then the reinforcements, too.

"From that small patch, where we first established ourselves, we built up little by little," he said. "It's been at least three months, and we're making progress."

The terrain through the middle of the island is impassable, Andrii said, so soldiers move along the shore, from house to house. The Russians rarely leave their bases, but the Ukrainians have been on the attack recently.

"Until you enter the house, you don't know if they're in there," he said. "You might walk in and a machine gun is already pointed at you."

Russian military bloggers late last month started raising alarm about Ukrainian forces creeping up on the shore of the Dnieper's east bank. Small commercial drones regularly drop explosives, spikes and mines on the two miles of road between where the Antonovsky Bridge used to meet the east bank and where the Oleshky bridge begins. The goal is to make the road unusable, especially for vehicles — another way of pushing the Russians back from the shoreline because they wouldn't be able to evacuate any dead or wounded or to resupply forces at the river's edge.

Drapatyy has noticed the Russians recently fortifying their deeper defenses, planting more mines and increasing the frequency with which they send reconnaissance drones over to the west side. He said he can hear panic when he listens to their intercepted conversations.

"They are worried," he said, "that we are preparing for active actions. All the more reason why we have no right not to prepare."

Zelensky to make surprise G-7 trip

He'll take his Russian escalation warnings to site of first atomic attack

BY MICHELLE YE HEE LEE, MATT VISER AND TYLER PAGER

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The Group of Seven leaders, shown during a visit to the Itsukushima Shrine on Friday, made their first statement on nuclear disarmament, calling “Russia's irresponsible nuclear rhetoric, undermining of arms control regimes, and stated intent to deploy nuclear weapons in Belarus ... dangerous and unacceptable.”

HIROSHIMA, JAPAN — Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky is planning to attend the Group of Seven nations summit in person this weekend, giving a powerful symbolic boost to his warnings about Russia's potential to escalate the war in Ukraine by visiting Hiroshima, a site of nuclear destruction in World War II.

Zelensky, who has displayed a knack for resonant gestures and stark messages, has been pressing for more Western support for planes and military equipment, and he has earned new commitments for billions of dollars in military support during recent trips to Germany, France, Italy and Britain — all G-7 members.

Zelensky's surprise visit, along with President Biden's decision to truncate his trip because of the debt ceiling fight in the U.S., shifts his trip's focus in many ways from confronting China to supporting Ukraine. The G-7 leaders Friday released their first-ever statement on nuclear disarmament, sharply criticizing Russia's approach to the issue.

“Russia's irresponsible nuclear rhetoric, undermining of arms control regimes, and stated intent to deploy nuclear weapons in Belarus are dangerous and unacceptable,” the statement said, adding, “We reiterate our position that threats by Russia of nuclear weapon use, let alone any use of nuclear weapons by Russia, in the context of its aggression against Ukraine are inadmissible.”

The statement also criticized the pursuit of nuclear weapons by North Korea and Iran and asserted that “China's accelerating build-up of its nuclear arsenal without transparency nor meaningful dialogue poses a concern to global and regional stability.”

But the focus was on Russia, as the leaders of the seven powerful democracies took aim at Moscow's decision to suspend its participation in New START, its current arms control treaty with the United States, as well as its efforts to capture Ukraine's nuclear energy facilities.

Zelensky had been scheduled to attend the summit virtually on Sunday, but the Ukrainian leader is now expected to come in person on Saturday, according to people familiar with the plans, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive travel. Zelensky's visit, however, was not confirmed publicly by his office, and his precise plans were not clear.

His visit, first reported by the Financial Times, is the latest in a flurry of travel by Zelensky outside his war-torn country as he seeks to stave off any slacking of the global effort to help Ukraine, now well into its second year of war.

This will be the Ukrainian president's first visit to Asia since the Russian invasion in February 2022.

In another surprise trip, Zelensky on Friday traveled to Saudi Arabia, where he addressed the Arab League summit and meet with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. Zelensky, as he has often does, tailored his comments to his audience, highlighting the plight of the Muslim Tatar population in Crimea, part of Ukraine that was annexed by Russia in 2014.

“Look at how much suffering the long term wars have brought to Libya, Syria, Yemen, how many lives have been wasted by years of fighting in Sudan and Somalia, in Iraq and Afghanistan,” Zelensky told the Arab League. “Everyone who adds to suffering by his new aggressions, everyone who sows enmity, everyone who wants to bring back the old days of invading ... every aggressor ... will be cursed by the people.”

President Biden had initially planned a three-country swing through the Indo-Pacific aimed at countering China's growing influence and economic expansion throughout the region.

But his decision to cancel stops in Papua New Guinea and Australia to fly home to deal with an ongoing debt crisis — combined with Zelensky's in-person visit — meant Ukraine would be a major focus of the economic summit.

Biden was initially scheduled to meet with the leaders of Japan, India and Australia — the other members of the “Quad” aimed at countering China — during his stay in Sydney.

That meeting has now been rescheduled for Saturday in Japan.

But it's clear that much of the talk at the G-7 will center on the Ukraine war.

“There will be discussions about the state of play on the battlefield,” Jake Sullivan, Biden's national security adviser, told reporters aboard Air Force One before arriving in Japan. “There will be discussions about the state of play on sanctions, and the steps that the G-7 will collectively commit to on enforcement in particular.”

The emotional core of the summit revolves around its location in Hiroshima, one of the only two sites, along with the city of Nagasaki, where a nuclear weapon was used in warfare. The world leaders kicked off their summit Friday with a visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, paying their respects to the victims of the 1945 bombing by planting a cherry blossom tree grown from one that survived the nuclear attack.

The leaders also met privately with Keiko Ogura, a hibakusha, or a survivor of the bombing.

Ogura, 85, lived 1½ miles from the hypocenter of the blast as an 8-year-old in 1945. In 1984, she founded Hiroshima Interpreters for Peace, a group that translates the testimonies of A-bomb survivors into English and advocates for a nuclear-free world. Her late husband was the director of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum.

Biden did not offer any public remarks Friday, spending the day mostly behind closed doors with other leaders. Before the visit, Sullivan said the president would not issue an apology on behalf of the United States for the use of the atomic bomb. The bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki killed more than 100,000 people, including from radiation poisoning in the days and years after the bombing itself; American leaders argued it was necessary to end the war and prevent even more deaths.

“This is not, from his perspective, a bilateral moment,” Sullivan told reporters. “This is him, as one of the G-7 leaders, coming to pay respects both for history but also respects to Prime Minister [Fumio] Kishida, who of course is from Hiroshima.”

Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui said in an interview before the summit that he did not expect Biden to be asked for an apology, but rather for a commitment to do everything he can to avoid any use of nuclear weapons.

“If President Biden understands the inhumanity of the nuclear weapons, and has a true understanding, and has determination that this kind of tragedy should not be repeated, and works for a world with nuclear weapons, and has some concrete strategies or measures to achieve that goal — that's what we expect from world leaders and President Biden,” Matsui said.

Japanese leaders acknowledge that they are making this pitch for disarmament at a time when many countries, from North Korea to Iran, are moving in the opposite direction.

“The destructive power of nuclear weapons is just beyond description,” Matsui said. “Reason, rational thinking, should be able to tell us that. That's what I'd like to expect from world leaders. I know that it is not easy, but if we do not take that course, human beings will be annihilated.”

The G-7 leaders also touched on the novel subject of artificial intelligence and how it should be governed, though they deferred any decisions. The nations' cabinet ministers will now launch a “Hiroshima AI process” aimed at producing a report by year's end on how to ensure that AI develops in a way consistent with the G-7's values.

To underline their united front against Russia, the leaders announced new sanctions on Moscow. British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak wrote on Twitter that the United Kingdom would be “banning all imports of Russian diamonds, copper, aluminum and nickel.”

The U.S. announced it was sanctioning 22 individuals and 104 entities, aimed especially at those who have sought ways of getting around the current penalties for engaging with Russia. “We will continue to expand export controls to make it even harder for Russia to sustain its war machine,” a senior administration official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity ahead of the formal announcement.

The Treasury Department also said it was expanding sanctions to target new parts of Russia's economy.

“These will go after circumvention. These will go after financial facilitators, as well as future energy and extractive capabilities of Russia and other actors helping to support the war,” the official said. “This will include designations across Europe, the Middle East, and Asia.”

Julia Mio Inuma and Toluse Olorunnipa in Hiroshima and David L. Stern in Kyiv contributed to this report.

Zelensky, on surprise Saudi visit, seeks Arab League support in war

BY VICTORIA BISSET

In a surprise appearance at an Arab League meeting in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Friday delivered an emotional appeal for support from leaders who have voiced only muted criticism of Russia's invasion and from some, like Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who have maintained strong ties to Moscow despite the war.

Zelensky, who has repeatedly used his personal charisma to build global support for Ukraine's defense and obtain billions of dollars in weapons from the West, sought to make common cause with countries that have experienced their own years of violent strife as he pleaded for stronger condemnation of Russian President Vladimir Putin's aggression.

“Look at how much suffering the long-term wars have brought to Libya, Syria, Yemen; how many lives have been wasted by years of fighting in Sudan and Somalia, in Iraq and Afghanistan,” Zelensky said, speaking in English. “Everyone who adds to suffering by his new aggressions, everyone who sows enmity, everyone who wants to bring back the old days of invading ... every aggressor ... will be cursed by the people.”

“I greet everyone who is ready to join us on the path to justice,” he said.

As he does in many of his public speeches, Zelensky carefully tailored his message to his audience, mentioning most countries by name and appealing to both Muslim unity and anti-imperialism. In particular, he returned repeatedly to the plight of Ukraine's Crimean Tatar population, which he described as “the center of Muslim culture in Ukraine.”

“For centuries the Crimean Tatars have been, and should remain, an integral and strong part of the Muslim community of the world, but Crimea was the first to suffer from the Russian occupation, and until now most of those who are subjected to repression in the occupied Crimea are Muslims,” Zelensky said, referring to Russia's illegal invasion and annexation of the peninsula in 2014.

“I believe that one day your people will come back also to see our Crimea — Ukrainian Crimea — free from Russian occupation and humiliation,” he said.

Friday's Arab League meeting was particularly notable for the return of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, who was attending for the first time since being suspended from the regional group 12 years ago. Assad was ostracized by many fellow leaders after his violent crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators triggered a brutal civil war in which hundreds of thousands were killed.

Assad owes his political survival to Russia, which intervened in the war and carried out brutal bombing campaigns against anti-government forces. Russia's Wagner mercenary group, which is now fighting in Ukraine, was also active in Syria.

So it was striking that Assad, who presided over the flattening of cities in his own country, appeared in the same room as Zelensky, some of whose cities have been practically obliterated by relentless Russian bombing.

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky greets a Saudi official after arriving Friday in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, to attend the Arab League summit. He invoked anti-imperialism in his appeal to Arab leaders.

Saudi Arabia in particular has maintained strong ties with Russia, particularly over oil production, and has benefited heavily from the West's search for alternatives to Russian energy sources.

Zelensky, however, noted Saudi Arabia's assistance in negotiating prisoner exchanges and said he hoped all leaders present would support efforts to free such captives.

“We can expand this experience,” he said, “and even if there are people here at the summit who have a different view of the war on our land, calling it a conflict, I think we can all be united in saving people from the cages of Russian prisons.”

“Unfortunately, there are some in the world and here among you who turn a blind eye to those cages and illegal annexations,” he continued, “and I am here so that everyone can take an honest look no matter how hard the Russians try to influence.”

Zelensky emphasized Ukraine's other ties to Arab nations. He cited tourists from Persian Gulf states who visited Ukraine before the war and the “education of tens of thousands of Arab students in our universities every year.” He also noted Ukraine's role as an agricultural supplier in providing wheat to the region, notably to countries such as Lebanon and Egypt that were directly threatened by Russia's blockade of the Black Sea until a deal was implemented last year.

Most of the countries represented at the summit voted in favor of U.N. resolutions condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine as a violation of the U.N. charter, which calls for respect of each nation's territorial sovereignty. But many Arab nations have generally displayed ambivalence to the plight of Ukraine.

Multiple leaders in attendance at the summit spoke out against foreign involvement in their own region — including, with perhaps the least credibility, Assad. “Today is an historic opportunity to rearrange our affairs with the least amount of foreign interference,” he said.

Zelensky, clearly aiming to stir empathy, made repeated references in his speech to anti-imperialism and anti-colonialism in an unequivocal moral appeal to the region's leaders and their own histories.

“Anyone who defends his native land from invaders, and anyone who defends children of his nation from enslavement — every such warrior is on the path of justice, and I am proud to represent such warriors,” he said.

“I am more than sure that none of you will agree to surrender a third of your country to the invaders,” Zelensky said.

Ecuador's chief, after dissolving assembly, says he's leaving, too

BY ARTURO TORRES AND SAMANTHA SCHMIDT

QUITO, ECUADOR — A day after he dissolved the National Assembly, averting his looming impeachment but triggering new elections this year, Ecuadoran President Guillermo Lasso said he has no plans to run in them — and doesn't care who replaces him.

"My goal is not to prevent someone from returning to Ecuador," he told The Washington Post in an interview Thursday evening. He was referring to the party of his leftist rival Rafael Correa, who was the country's longest-serving democratically elected president and remains an influential leader here.

Instead, he told The Post, he plans to use his last months as one of Latin America's few remaining center-right presidents to advance executive orders focused on security, health, education and infrastructure. Among them: a decree, to be announced as soon as next week, that would boost protections for security forces who use their weapons to defend themselves and others.

The 67-year-old former banker steered this South American nation of 18 million into new territory this week with his declaration Wednesday of a muerte cruzada — roughly, "mutual death." The constitutional measure, which he invoked days before the legislature was to vote on his removal on embezzlement charges, allows him to send lawmakers home and rule by decree for up to six months. Then new elections must be held.

Lasso rejects the charges against him as politically motivated; supporters call them bogus. He's the first Ecuadoran president to invoke muerte cruzada, which effectively cuts his four-year term in half. It was added to the constitution when Correa was president.

The move was seen by some as a last-minute effort to avoid impeachment, a calculation that the votes were stacked against him in the political trial. But Lasso told The Post he had decided on the muerte cruzada days earlier, and followed through after making sure he had the support of the military.

Intelligence authorities said the president had received information that the opposition lacked the votes needed to impeach him. But Lasso, fed up with an opposition-led assembly that has succeeded in blocking most of his agenda, decided to dissolve it anyway. He applied the measure, he wrote in his declaration, to address the "grave political crisis" in an assembly whose members were unable to perform their functions properly.

"What was fundamental was to provide an exit to this political crisis," Lasso told The Post. He described the move as an "act of generosity for the country, to shorten a presidential term to achieve the common interest of Ecuadorans … and not see this embarrassing spectacle of fighting between politicians."

Ecuador's Constitutional Court upheld Lasso's declaration Thursday, rejecting six lawsuits aimed at blocking it. The electoral court said it would hold early presidential and legislative elections as soon as Aug. 20, with a potential presidential runoff in October. Lasso said his party plans to nominate a candidate.

Speaking in a wood-paneled room of the presidential palace after the most chaotic day in Ecuadoran politics in years, the president appeared notably at ease and upbeat in a jacket, sweater and jeans. He sought to minimize concerns that the months ahead could bring mass protests, or that his leftist opponents could win the elections and punish him.

He had said before his impeachment trial opened Tuesday that he would declare a muerte cruzada if he believed lawmakers had the votes to remove him. Leaders of Ecuador's powerful Indigenous movement, credited with playing a key role in ousting three previous presidents, said it would respond to the move by staging street demonstrations. But by Thursday evening, there had been no substantial protests. And Correa, who had called Lasso's move unconstitutional on Wednesday, appeared to be trying to capitalize on it Thursday.

"You know what? Despite his lies and contradictions, Lasso is right: we are experiencing internal commotion," the former president tweeted Thursday. "Let's go to those elections and sweep them at the polls."

Simón Pachano, a political scientist at the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences in Ecuador, argued that Lasso made the decision primarily to avoid his impeachment. He pushed back on the president's claims that he simply isn't interested in running for office again.

"It seems to me that he has no chance of winning," Pachano said, and Lasso knows it. "I think he's a sort of skilled poker player. He never shows emotions."

Elected in 2021, Lasso was to have served through 2025, when he would have been eligible to run for one more four-year term.

He said he received support on Wednesday from several foreign allies, including the United States. After his declaration, U.S. Ambassador Michael J. Fitzpatrick said the United States "respects Ecuador's internal and constitutional processes" and "will continue working with the constitutional government, civil society, the private sector and the Ecuadoran people."

Lasso rejected the idea that Ecuador is the latest Latin American country to experience democratic backsliding. But it's difficult to ignore several recent incidents in the region — ranging from Brazil, where supporters of former president Jair Bolsonaro stormed the capital in January in an effort to reverse his election loss, to El Salvador, where President Nayib Bukele has suspended key civil liberties to crack down on gangs, to Guatemala, which has chased away anti-corruption prosecutors and this week succeeded in shutting down an investigative newspaper.

Peru's Pedro Castillo, facing impeachment last December, tried to dissolve that country's legislature and rule by decree, but he lacked the constitutional authority or the political support needed to succeed. He was removed from office and arrested that day.

ARTURO TORRES FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Ecuadoran President Guillermo Lasso speaks to The Washington Post in an interview in Quito's presidential palace on Thursday.

The crises in Peru and Ecuador, though they developed in very different contexts, demonstrate a breakdown in political representation, said Alberto Vergara, a political scientist at the University of the Pacific in Peru. Both countries have suffered dramatic fragmentation in political parties, producing legislatures that have proved unwieldy and unpredictable.

But Ecuador's crisis extends far beyond its National Assembly. Once seen as relatively peaceful compared with its neighbors, the country is now suffering spiraling drug trafficking and gang violence.

Lasso has issued a state of emergency in several parts of the country, at times echoing Bukele's strategy in El Salvador. In April, Lasso allowed civilians to possess and carry guns for self-defense.

And next week, he told The Post, he plans to pass an executive order to give "more confidence, tranquility and security to our law enforcement, so that they can use their endowed weapons to protect innocent citizens and also themselves."

Lasso said it wasn't easy to cut his presidency short. But he said he is convinced that his successors, if faced with a similar political crisis, should not be afraid to do the same.

"I would recommend it to any future president of Ecuador," he said.

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A man offering shoeshines passes soldiers outside the National Assembly on Thursday, the day after the body was dissolved by Lasso, who was facing possible impeachment. His move triggers early elections.

Australian officer tases 95-year-old woman

BY FRANCES VINALL

An Australian police officer is under review after a 95-year-old woman with dementia was Tasered and hit the floor at a nursing home in New South Wales state.

Clare Nowland, 5-foot-2 and 95 pounds, was in critical condition with a head injury suffered after she was struck with a Taser at Yallambee Lodge in Cooma, a small town about 250 miles south of Sydney, police said.

Two officers were called to the nursing home Wednesday morning and found Nowland holding a serrated-edge steak knife from the nursing home kitchen, NSW assistant police commissioner Peter Cotter said in a news conference Friday.

Police told Nowland, who was alone in a small treatment room, to drop the knife, but she did not, Cotter said. An officer activated his Taser and Nowland was struck with it, he said.

"She was approaching police," he said. "It is fair to say, at a slow pace. She had a walking frame. But she had a knife."

Andrew Thaler, a family friend, said Nowland is a great-grandmother who has dementia.

"The community is not just grieving, but shocked. How can this happen?" Thaler said. "That's the most common question I'm hearing from people. How can this happen? It's beyond belief."

The officer who operated the Taser, a senior constable with about 12 years of experience, has been moved to "nonoperational" duties during an internal investigation, Cotter said. When asked by a reporter during the news conference if he could understand the public outrage, Cotter said police were "concerned about the matter" and "that's why we have commenced the investigation."

He said that there is body-camera footage of the incident but that it will not be released to the public.

An initial statement on Wednesday said that "an elderly woman suffered injuries during an interaction with police" and did not mention the use of a Taser. Cotter defended its brevity Friday when questioned by reporters. "We have to be very sure before we put out all the specific details," he said.

Josh Pallas, president of the NSW Council for Civil Liberties, said the incident was an "example of why there needs to be a review into the way that police deploy and use force against people."

He added that the council was calling for investigations into police behavior to be conducted at "arm's length" from the force itself.

NSW police have previously faced accusations of excessive force. In September, a 14-year-old Indigenous boy was hospitalized in the state's north with head injuries and said he was "slammed on his head" when approached by five officers who did not have their body cameras activated, the Sydney Morning Herald reported. The NSW Law Enforcement Conduct Commission is investigating.

In November, a 78-year-old man well known for being a quirky local character in Sydney, who was wearing a sandwich board with a misspelled profanity, sustained brain bleeding and said he was "lucky to be alive" after he was thrown to the ground and handcuffed by two police officers in a Sydney shopping center, 9 News reported. The incident is under police review with commission oversight.

At that time, Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore and Alex Greenwich, an independent state lawmaker in Sydney, wrote a letter to NSW Police Minister Paul Toole with concerns including that reports of over-policing reflect poorly on the force "while damaging Sydney's reputation as a welcoming and tolerant place to visit," according to the Herald.

In June 2020, amid the country's Black Lives Matter protests, which mostly focused on the treatment of Indigenous Australians, a police officer in Sydney was filmed kicking out a teenage Indigenous boy's legs while his hands were held behind his back, causing him to fall face-first onto a brick surface, after the boy swore and made a verbal threat.

NSW Police Commissioner Mick Fuller said at the time that he was "sure most of the community wouldn't want to see someone who has made a mistake sacked," the Guardian reported.

The force's professional standards command investigated and the officer, Ryan Barlow, was charged with "assault occasioning actual bodily harm," pleading not guilty in August, the Australian Broadcasting Corp. reported.

China sending a message to Central Asia: Rely on us, not Russia

BY MEAGHAN TOBIN

China promised billions of dollars in "financing support and free assistance" to five Central Asian countries on Friday, as top leader Xi Jinping presented a wide-ranging security and defense plan to a region that has long been in Russia's orbit.

Hosting the China-Central Asia Summit in the city of Xian, the fabled end of the ancient Silk Road, Xi presented himself as a generous and reliable partner for countries that were once part of the Soviet Union — but that have become increasingly alarmed by Russia's efforts to take back control of Ukraine, another former Soviet Republic.

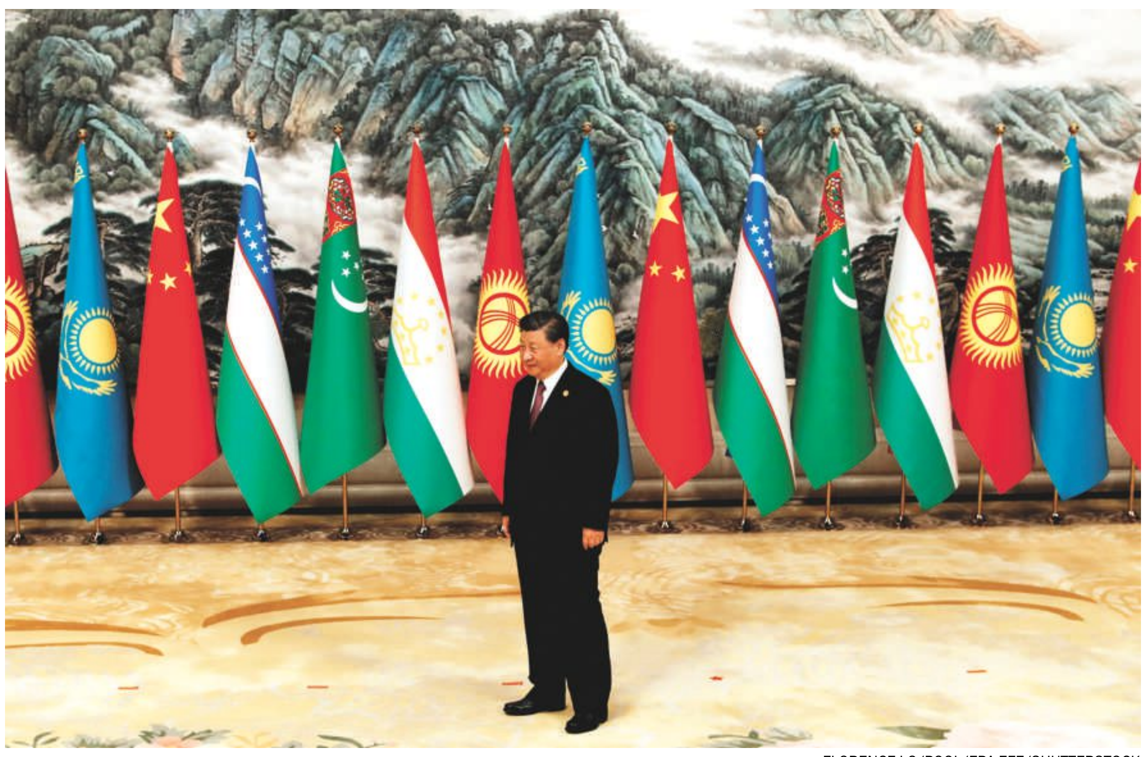
This approach reveals a crack in Beijing and Moscow's "no limits" friendship, but the bigger contrast was with the West: While Xi was hosting the leaders of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, the Group of Seven leaders were gathering in Hiroshima, Japan, to discuss Russian aggression and Chinese economic coercion.

The split-screen images highlighted how Xi is trying to create a "multipolar" world where the United States is no longer the sole global superpower.

"Central Asia understands that in this multipolar world, they are expected to be on the side of Russia and China," said Niva Yau, a nonresident fellow for the Atlantic Council's Global China Hub based in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

"A year ago, there were a lot of discussions in the region because of the war, about whether Central Asia needed to pivot, needed to look to the West," she said. "This week has shown very clearly where Central Asia has decided to align themselves."

Xi told the Central Asian leaders that China could boost the region's "law enforcement, security and defense capability construction." Over the course of the two-day meeting, he met each leader and signed bilateral agreements boosting trade, infrastructure and technology investment, and making visa-free travel arrangements.



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China's Xi Jinping waits for a group photo session at the China-Central Asia Summit in Xian, Shaanxi province. He hosted the leaders of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan.

Beijing is angling for greater influence in Central Asia as Moscow remains focused on its grinding war in Ukraine. Chinese state media has echoed that language.

"The countries of Central Asia have realized that Russia is having so much difficulty in its fight against Ukraine that it is not wise to completely rely on Russia — they must find a way out," read a commentary in the nationalist tabloid Defense Times.

Days before the summit in Xian, the five heads of Central Asian states visited Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow, where they attended the May Day military parade.

But despite their show of allegiance, Putin's willingness to flex his military might — in Ukraine last year and in Georgia in 2008 — has unnerved the Central Asian states and prompted them to assert their individual cultural identities.

"If you're sitting in Kazakhstan, it's very easy to look at the narratives that Putin used to justify invading Ukraine — there's an ethnic Russian population, they speak Russian — and he could make exactly the same case there," said Raffaello Pantucci, a senior fellow at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies in Singapore.

In Xian, Xi assured the Central Asian states that their "sovereignty, security, independence and territorial integrity" must be "safeguarded."

This message would have been particularly welcome after the Chinese ambassador to France, Lu Shaye, sparked outrage by questioning the independence of former Soviet states and led the Foreign Ministry in Beijing to walk back his remarks.

Although Europe and the United States have sent high-level delegations to Central Asia since the war in Ukraine began — Secretary of State Antony Blinken visited the region in March — analysts say the countries haven't received as much investment from the West as they would like.

China, on the other hand, has given Central Asia priority status. Kazakhstan was Xi's first stop outside China after three years of "zero covid" isolation, en route to Uzbekistan for a meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, a regional body co-founded by China and Russia as a counterweight to Western influence in the region.

It was in Kazakhstan that Xi in 2013 launched his flagship infrastructure investment program, the Belt and Road Initiative, under which China has since invested heavily in railways, pipelines and other infrastructure across the region.

Trade volume between China and the five Central Asian countries topped a record $70 billion last year, according to China's Commerce Ministry.

In Xian on Friday, Xi announced that China would accelerate the expansion of the Central Asia-China pipeline, which China's National Petroleum Corp. and Kazakhstan's KazMunayGas National Co. have agreed to explore.

Kyrgyzstan became the latest country to express interest in using the yuan when it agreed to explore conducting trade with China — which is almost entirely composed of Chinese exports to Kyrgyzstan — in their respective currencies.

As China's economic ties with Russia have deepened since the war began, the yuan has become the most-traded currency on the Moscow stock exchange, and countries from Brazil to Bangladesh have expressed interest in settling deals using it.

Beijing views boosting economic prosperity in the region as key to staving off its long-standing concerns about violence and instability in its western Xinjiang region, where thousands of people belonging to the mostly Muslim Uyghur ethnic minority have been interned in prison camps.

In the joint declarations issued from the Xian summit, Beijing extracted assurances from the Central Asian leaders that they would not interfere in its approach to Hong Kong, Taiwan or Xinjiang.

The Xinjiang pledge is significant for China because of links between Kazakhstan and the northwestern region, where Beijing has carried out a campaign to strip the mostly Uyghur, mostly Muslim population of its culture and religion.

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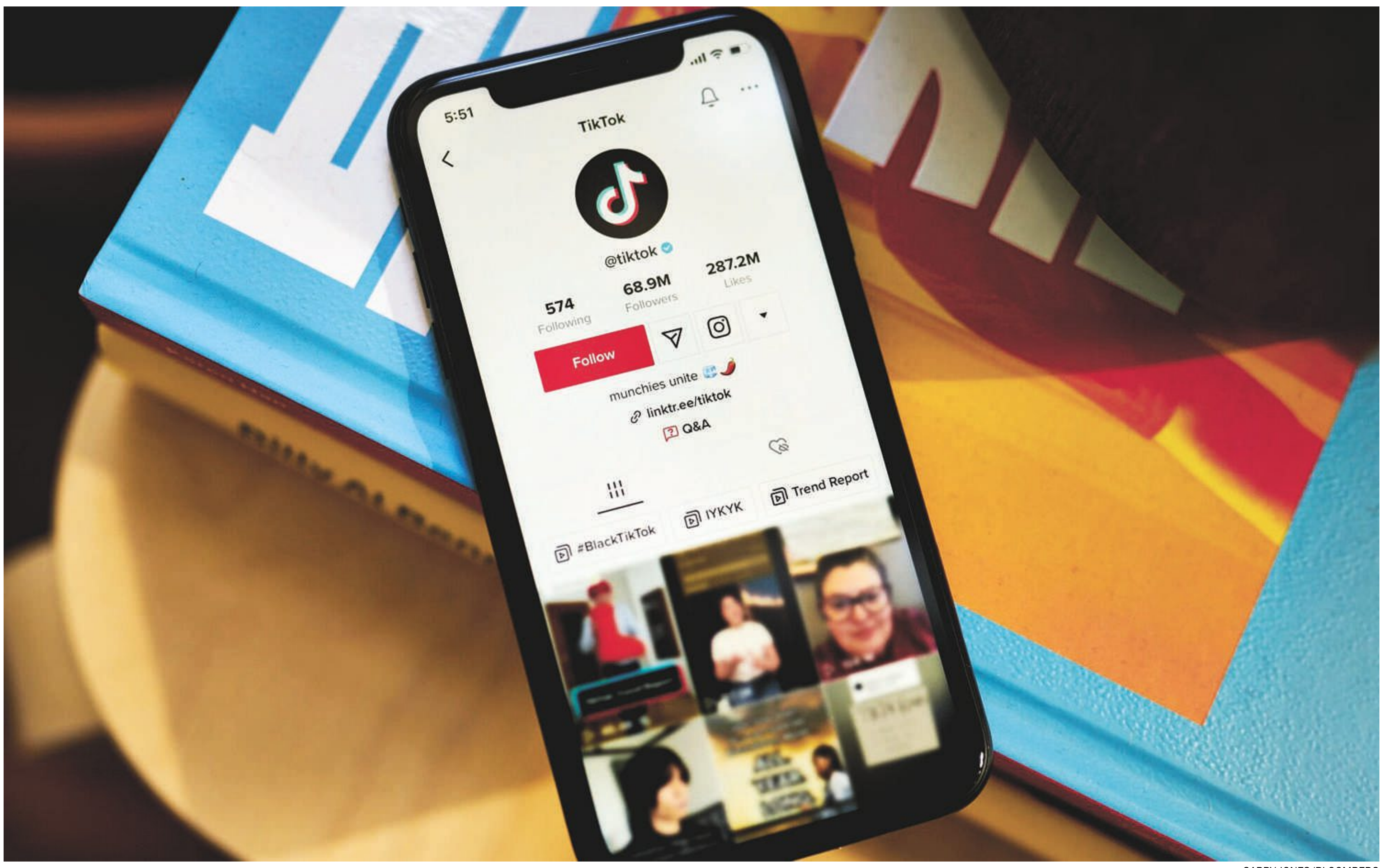
ANALYSIS

Montana can ban TikTok, but it probably can't enforce it

A tech expert says the first law of its kind in the nation is 'technically incompetent' and would require companies to gather more user data, not less

BY DREW HARWELL



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Montana's new ban on the short-video app TikTok seeks to erase one of the world's most popular social media platforms from a state with more than a million people, many of whom use the app daily.

But there are a few problems with that effort, say experts who've reviewed the law: It's constitutionally problematic, logistically impractical and largely impossible to enforce.

For it to work, some noted, the law, designed ostensibly to protect user information, would require tech companies such as TikTok to gather even more data on their users, not less.

"Technically incompetent," said Tarah Wheeler, the chief of the cybersecurity company Red Queen Dynamics and a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. "The Montana legislature is giving an order they should know can't and won't be followed."

Montana's TikTok ban is likely to become a major test for how American courts and lawmakers handle a new era of increased global competition on the web. Some state and federal lawmakers have argued that TikTok's ownership by a China-based company, ByteDance, has made it so vulnerable to Chinese government spying and influence that nothing short of a ban will protect Americans online.

But it has also inflamed concerns about government overreach in the United States, especially because TikTok's critics have yet to show proof that the popular app has become a tool for propaganda or espionage.

"If I was a citizen of Montana, I would be outraged at the intrusiveness of this law, compared to the nebulousness of the supposed risk," said Jon Bateman, a policy researcher for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and a former cyber-strategy director in the Department of Defense.

"The state is denying its citizens access to an information platform on the grounds of national security or privacy," Bateman added. "Why are Montana citizens not equipped to make those kinds of determinations for themselves?"

Gov. Greg Gianforte, a Republican, signed the bill into law Wednesday, saying it would "protect Montanans' private data and sensitive personal information from being harvested by the Chinese Communist Party." The ban is set to go into effect Jan. 1, though it could be delayed by challenges in court.

Gianforte's office hasn't provided any evidence of Communist data-harvesting, pointing instead to broader Chinese laws it has argued could be used to coerce ByteDance into compliance, echoing claims that TikTok's detractors have made in Washington.

After signing the bill, Gianforte issued a separate order, requiring state officials to remove from state devices other apps that he said "provide personal information or data to foreign adversaries," including the messaging apps Telegram and WeChat.

On Wednesday, five TikTok creators filed a lawsuit claiming the ban infringes on their First Amendment rights and those of hundreds of thousands of TikTok users in Montana. The suit, which names Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen as defendant, says the state "can no more ban its residents from viewing or posting to TikTok than it could ban the Wall Street Journal because of who owns it or the ideas it publishes."

Some free-speech experts expect any TikTok challenge would prevail on First Amendment grounds. In 2020, federal judges blocked President Donald Trump's executive order banning TikTok and the Chinese app WeChat, saying the government had provided "scant little evidence" to justify a ban that would "burden substantially more speech than is necessary."

But Montana's ban also faces many technical hurdles. The law would rely heavily on the app stores to cut off TikTok users, levying $10,000-a-day fines on TikTok, the app stores and any other "entity" that "offered the ability" to download TikTok in the state.

But Apple and Google have both said blocking Montanans from downloading TikTok would require a complete rewrite of how their users are tracked.

The app stores, technical experts say, are divided by country or global region, and they don't change or discriminate based on which state a user is in. Changing that system would require not just carving the stores into state-specific chunks but closer monitoring of people's locations and a by-the-minute system to define what happens when, for instance, a user drives over state lines.

The companies could block users based on the billing address on their accounts, but those are easily changed and don't update based on a person's actual location, some experts said.

Montana's TikTok ban, signed into law Wednesday by Gov. Greg Gianforte (R), is set to take effect Jan. 1, but that could be delayed by court challenges. Already, five TikTok creators have filed a lawsuit claiming the ban infringes on their First Amendment rights and those of hundreds of thousands of TikTok users in the state. The governor says the law is intended to protect Montanans' private data from the Chinese Communist Party.

"You can't enforce this ban without creating a surveillance state that includes fine-grained location data and the ability to monitor and read people's phones — the exact mirror of the Chinese surveillance state they're afraid of to begin with."

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They could also get a rough estimation of a device's location by using a number, known as an IP address, that's assigned to every online device. But those addresses can be changed at will through the use of services such as virtual private networks, or VPNs, that would allow a TikToker in Montana to appear as if they were anywhere else. Search interest inside Montana for VPNs has spiked several times in the months since the bill was proposed, Google Trends data shows.

Montana state officials have compared their proposal to online gambling apps, which are blocked in states where gambling is against the law. But those bans rely on the apps' developers to explicitly "geofence" and blacklist the states, not on the app stores, and tech experts said they are easily circumvented.

TikTok says it does not collect precise location data on its users, so complying with the Montana law would require the company to start recording users' GPS data or demanding they supply routine updates on the state they're currently in.

"You can't enforce this ban without creating a surveillance state that includes fine-grained location data and the ability to monitor and read people's phones — the exact mirror of the Chinese surveillance state they're afraid of to begin with," Red Queen Dynamics's Wheeler said.

Apple and Google declined to comment.

The TikTok ban, if it survives court challenges, could have serious impact in the state. Montana's sweeping vistas and picturesque wilderness have for years been popular sights on TikTok's video feeds: The hashtags for two of its prominent tourist attractions, #GlacierNationalPark and #YellowstoneNationalPark, each have roughly 300 million views, TikTok data shows.

One of TikTok's most popular creators, Hank Green, lives in Missoula, where he posts educational videos about science, social issues and other topics. The longtime video blogger has more than 7 million TikTok followers, and his videos have been "liked" more than 500 million times.

The ban worries Christian Poole, a 20-year-old who's spent most of his life in Bozeman, the state's fourth-largest city, with 57,000 residents, and one of the fastest-growing small cities in the United States. Poole started posting videos to TikTok about speech and debate topics during his junior year of high school. Over the past four years, he's gained more than 400,000 followers, some of whom call him the "unofficial ambassador for the state of Montana" because of his frequent videos about life in the Treasure State.

Poole said he works as a merchandiser, driving to grocery stores to stock Pepsi cans and set up displays. But TikTok, he said, has helped him work toward his lifelong dream of being an entertainer, sharing jokes and building an audience with people he'd otherwise never be able to meet.

"For all of that to go away in a heartbeat would not be super great," he said. "It would take everything I've worked so hard for in the past four years and throw it in the garbage."

Already, opponents of the ban are plotting ways to undercut it. The Electronic Frontier Foundation, which called it "a blatant violation of the First Amendment," tweeted a how-to guide for circumventing internet censorship, and David Greene, a senior staff attorney at the San Francisco-based group, said it would probably file an amicus brief supporting TikTok if the ban lands in court.

The ACLU of Montana and other free-speech groups last month sent a letter to the Montana legislature saying the law "would set an alarming precedent for excessive government control over how Montanans use the internet." After the law's signing on Wednesday, Keegan Medrano, policy director at the ACLU of Montana, said in a statement, "We will never trade our First Amendment rights for cheap political points."

Some experts said they believe the technical concerns are a sideshow to the ban's true design: as a messaging bill intended to win public attention for lawmakers eager to look tough on tech. The ban could lead to a snowball effect for other states wanting the same publicity — or, if it's humiliated in court, lead other state lawmakers to hold their fire.

"We have now reached a point where it's not about technical ignorance, it's all about theater: politicians attacking a Chinese app to make a name for their state," said Milton Mueller, a Georgia Institute of Technology professor and co-founder of the Internet Governance Project.

"They're probably thinking they can threaten the big players, the app stores, to somehow enforce this for them. But how do you detect if someone's running the app on their phone in Montana unless you've set up a statewide 'Great Firewall' of Montana?" Mueller said, using a term generally reserved for China's restrictive internet policies. "And then how do you get it off their phones: You have policemen stopping people in traffic, saying, 'Show me your phone?'"

DIGEST

FEDERAL RESERVE

Powell signals pause in rate increases

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome H. Powell gave a clear signal that he is inclined to pause interest-rate increases next month, taking command of the policy debate after several officials suggested they wanted to keep hiking.

"We've come a long way in policy tightening and the stance of policy is restrictive and we face uncertainty about the lagged effects of our tightening so far and about the extent of credit tightening from recent banking stresses," Powell told a Fed conference Friday in Washington.

"Having come this far, we can afford to look at the data and the evolving outlook to make careful assessments," he said, reading from prepared notes.

Investors pared bets on a rate hike next month to around 13 percent after Powell's comments compared with 33 percent before he spoke.

Powell's remarks reinforce similar guidance this week from other members of his leadership team, including New York Fed President John Williams and governor Philip Jefferson, recently nominated as vice chair pending Senate confirmation.

— Bloomberg News

TECH

Instagram readies competitor to Twitter

Instagram is planning to release a text-based app that will compete with Twitter.

The company is currently testing the project with celebrities and influencers, according to people familiar with the matter. It has been secretly available to select creators for months, according to one of the people.

The app, which will be separate from Instagram but will allow people to connect accounts, may debut as soon as June, according to Lia Haberman, who teaches social and influencer marketing at UCLA and published a screenshot of an early app description. It may eventually be compatible with other Twitter competitor apps, including Mastodon, according to Haberman's screenshot.

Instagram, owned by Meta Platforms, didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. Twitter's chaotic takeover by Elon Musk has caused some users to look for alternatives and created an opening in the market.

— Bloomberg News

ALSO IN BUSINESS

James Gorman, who transformed Morgan Stanley after it nearly collapsed during the global financial crisis, plans to step down as chief executive within the next year and assume the role of executive chairman. "It is the board's and my expectation that it will occur at some point in the next 12 months," Gorman, 64, said Friday at the firm's annual meeting. "That is the current expectation in the absence of a major change in the external environment." Gorman, who became CEO at the beginning of 2010, said there are three finalists to take over as CEO when he leaves. Though he didn't name his likely successors, Ted Pick and Andy Saperstein, the New York-based firm's co-presidents, have been in the running alongside investment-management chief Dan Simkowitz. Gorman said Friday that he will serve as executive chairman "for a period of time" after leaving the CEO post.

A severe drought affecting the Panama Canal is forcing container vessels to lighten their loads and pay higher fees, with further increases in the cost of shipping cargo through the canal expected this summer. The largest vessels will have to reduce their drafts — how low they sit in the water — by carrying less or cutting the weight of their cargoes as of May 24, followed by another decrease that kicks in on May 29. Some major ocean carriers have also announced new fees for goods shipped on the route as of June 1 in response to the canal restrictions. These measures are likely to result in delays and higher costs for goods that are shipped through the canal, which typically sees 5 percent of annual global maritime trade pass through its locks.

Samsung Electronics will not change the default search engine on its smartphones from Google to Microsoft's Bing any time soon, the Wall Street Journal reported on Friday, citing people familiar with the matter. Samsung has suspended an internal review that explored replacing Google with Bing on its web-browsing app, which comes pre-installed on the company's smartphones, according to the report. Google and Samsung did not respond to Reuters requests for comment. Microsoft declined to comment. A sizable part of the revenue earned by search-engine companies comes from their partnerships with phone makers such as Apple and Xiaomi.

— From news services

White House, GOP restart debt ceiling negotiations after brief breakdown

Talks resumed late Friday as the June 1 deadline approaches

BY JEFF STEIN, MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR AND AMY B WANG

White House officials and congressional Republicans resumed negotiations over the federal debt ceiling late Friday, hours after a breakdown in talks sent shudders through the financial system and intensified fears that the U.S. government would run short of cash to pay all its bills.

With the risk of default looming in just two weeks, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) told Fox Business late Friday that he was calling negotiators back to the Capitol. GOP officials had abruptly walked out of negotiations on Friday morning, complaining that they had made little progress in persuading the White House to accept significant cuts to federal spending, a key Republican demand. A White House official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe administration planning, confirmed that negotiators would resume talks. The two sides met for about 90 minutes before breaking and leaving the Capitol but said they would continue working elsewhere through the night.

The White House and congressional Republicans are at odds over multiple issues, but the question of where to set spending levels for the fiscal year that begins in October has emerged as a major sticking point. McCarthy has pushed for an agreement that would trim $100 billion from agency budgets in exchange for Republican support for lifting the debt ceiling. Democrats argue that such steep reductions would harm the economy and slash a range of critical services for families and businesses.

Each side has accused the other of intransigence with time running short. President Biden has cut short an overseas trip and plans to return to Washington on Sunday.

The debt ceiling is the legal limit on government borrowing — currently set at $31.4 trillion. Since the national debt hit that level in January, Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen has been taking extraordinary measures to balance the nation's books. But she has warned that time is running out on those tactics, and that the Treasury Department could run short of cash as soon as June 1 unless Congress acts to raise the debt ceiling.

On Friday, Goldman Sachs issued a note projecting that Treasury reserves should be sufficient to make payments through June 8 or 9, when the risk of running out of cash would become severe. Failure to make critical payments — whether military paychecks, Social Security benefits or interest on previously issued debt — could tip the nation into an unprecedented default.

Government officials from both parties agree that such a scenario could be devastating, potentially sparking a global financial crisis and plunging the United States into recession. The deadline and fear of fallout has led lawmakers to seek a compromise, but the leading negotiators — Biden and McCarthy — have come under immense pressure from their respective parties in recent days not to give too much to the other side.

McCarthy has said he needed an agreement in principle by this weekend for the House to ensure the debt ceiling is not breached — a target that is now all but sure to be missed.

Some on Capitol Hill interpreted Friday's pause in talks as a potential negotiating ploy aimed at assuring both sides that their leaders are fighting aggressively for their priorities.

Biden has faced mounting criticism from some Democrats over his decision to entertain new work requirements in certain federal benefit programs for the poor. On Friday, 66 liberal Democrats sent a letter urging Biden to invoke the 14th Amendment and essentially declare the debt limit unconstitutional — a move that would allow Treasury theoretically to continue to borrow and allow the White House to avoid caving in to Republicans' demands.

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House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) talks to reporters after a White House meeting earlier this week. President Biden and Republican leaders met in hopes of breaking an impasse over the debt limit.

Meanwhile, McCarthy has faced fresh attacks from the conservative House Freedom Caucus over signs that the deal would not sufficiently cut spending.

Before Friday's pause, lawmakers had appeared to be making progress on the contours of the agreement. In addition to temporarily raising the debt limit, talks have focused on clawing back some unused money meant for coronavirus relief programs, reforming the permitting process for energy projects, and creating new work requirements for certain federal programs. But negotiators have had little luck resolving what has long appeared to be the most intractable issue: how much money the government should spend during the budget year that begins in October and whether increases in spending should be capped in subsequent years. Republicans have sought trillions of dollars in cuts to a huge portion of the federal budget, and Democrats have resisted those changes.

White House officials and congressional negotiators face an extreme time crunch if they want to cut a deal before June 1, when $10 billion in military salaries and retirement funds are scheduled to be issued, followed by $25 billion in Social Security benefit payments on June 2. It's unclear what would happen to those payments if the government doesn't have enough cash on hand.

Several people close to the negotiations said lawmakers remained divided over the extent and duration of new restrictions on federal spending. House Republicans have pushed for spending limits on a substantial pool of federal funding that excludes programs such as Social Security and Medicare, but otherwise aim to restrain the growth of spending on an enormous part of the U.S. government. In talks, GOP negotiators have pushed these "spending caps" on domestic spending — including education, transportation, and scientific programs — to reduce the deficit by trillions of dollars.

Democratic lawmakers are wary of these plans, in part because they believe similar measures enacted during the Obama administration contributed to significantly slower economic growth and could hurt important government programs.

One core dispute in the talks has been over how long these spending "caps" should remain in effect. Democrats want the spending cuts to last for roughly two years, after which appropriators could more easily increase the budget. But Republicans have sought to impose the restrictions for a decade, a move that would more significantly reduce future borrowing.

"This was always going to be an issue," said G. William Hoagland, a senior vice president at the Bipartisan Policy Center, a Washington-based think tank. "Republicans are looking for major savings over the next 10 years, while the administration clearly does not want to lock in 10-year numbers and are looking at a much shorter time frame."

Just as difficult is how steep the first year of spending cuts should be. McCarthy's push for at least $100 billion in cuts in 2024, and then more in subsequent years, reflects internal pressure from Republicans to deliver spending reductions that cannot be reversed later. But Democratic lawmakers strongly resist such measures for the same reason, believing that spending cuts that are scheduled to occur years from now are less likely to ultimately take effect.

On Fox Business on Friday night, McCarthy said Republicans would not accept a deal that permits spending more in the coming fiscal year than the government is currently spending.

"It is very frustrating if they want to come into the room and think we'll spend more money next year than we did this year," McCarthy said.

Lawmakers from both parties have agreed that if the United States defaulted on its debts for the first time in history it would be catastrophic. White House economists said in an analysis earlier this month that an extended breach of the nation's borrowing limit could wipe out more than 8 million jobs and cause "severe" economic damage.

The limit is a cap on the total amount of money that the United States is authorized to borrow to fund the government and fulfill its financial obligations. It is not new spending but rather allows the country to spend money on programs that Congress has authorized.

John Wagner in Washington contributed to this report.

World watches in disbelief and horror as U.S. gets closer to possible default

The consequences of the debt ceiling impasse could be far-reaching

BY RACHEL SIEGEL AND JEFF STEIN

Gathered last weekend at the Toki Messe convention center and Hotel Okura in Niigata, Japan, the world's top economic officials were scheduled to discuss some of the biggest emergencies facing the global economy, such as the war in Ukraine and climate change.

But the finance ministers for the Group of 7 nations had another question for Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen: What is going on with the U.S. debt ceiling?

All of Yellen's counterparts were aware of the potential global ramifications if the United States were to default on its debt — so aware, in fact, that many asked her privately for updates on the status of negotiations between the White House and House Republicans, according to one person familiar with the matter, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to reflect private conversations. Yellen told U.S. allies that she agreed that a default would be devastating and that resolving the debt ceiling was a top priority for the administration, the person said.

Talks over the debt ceiling have forced President Biden to cut short his own foreign trip, scrapping planned visits to Australia and Papua New Guinea after the G-7 summit so he can return to Washington on Sunday.

On Friday, negotiations between the White House and House Republicans had been paused, according to two people familiar with the conversations. That news sent financial markets lower on Friday, a sign of investor unease that a protracted standoff could roil the economy.

The fight over the borrowing cap has been alarming U.S. allies. Around the world, experts have been watching in disbelief as the U.S. flirts with its first default, fearful of the potential international economic ramifications — and astonished by the global superpower's brush with self-sabotage.

Rich and poor nations alike fear a possible U.S. default, which would torpedo the financial markets and deal a massive blow to

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President Biden cut planned trips to Australia and Papua New Guinea so he can return to Washington and negotiate a rise in the debt ceiling with congressional Republicans before a possible default.

the dollar. Analysts say the impasse jeopardizes America's standing abroad. And foreign economists and policymakers are bewildered over why the United States has imposed a specific limit on its debt and then turned it into a political football.

"The U.S. Treasury market is Washington's golden goose, and the market shows the golden eggs it lays are still very much in demand," said Maximilian Hess, principal at London-based political risk firm Enmetena Advisory, which advises clients including credit insurers and other financiers. "And yet the U.S. has a rule in the debt ceiling that inexplicably says that the golden goose should be taken out back and shot unless it agrees to lay fewer eggs for a while."

All the worry will dissipate — at least for a while — if Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) can come to an agreement before June 1. In remarks Tuesday, after a meeting with all four top leaders from the House and Senate, Biden reiterated that defaulting was not an option, and that "our international reputation would be damaged in the extreme if we were to let that happen." That's on top of the risk of sending the country into a recession, jeopardizing millions of jobs and sending borrowing costs soaring.

But many global economic and financial systems are set up in ways that generally benefit the United States — specifically because U.S. Treasury bonds are seen as reliable and safe investments. That makes the prospect that the U.S. government might be unable to keep issuing more bonds both befuddling and unnerving for many allies.

More than half of the world's foreign currency reserves are held in U.S. dollars, according to the Council on Foreign Relations, and many nations look to Treasury bonds to safeguard their own economies and guard against drowning in debt.

"I just cannot believe they would let such a major, major disaster happen of the United States defaulting on its debt," European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde told CBS News last month. "This is not possible. I cannot believe this would happen."

The mere fact that a U.S. default is being talked about is enough to unsettle markets worldwide, experts say.

"It is perceived as an extraordinarily high level of dysfunction in an economy that provides the largest number of safe assets to the world, and is in principle seen as the most important cog in the global financial system," said Eswar Prasad, an expert in international economics at Cornell University. "There is a real sense that the U.S. doesn't pay much attention to the volatility and uncertainty it precipitates. That affects the rest of the world quite significantly."

The debt ceiling is just one of many factors threatening the global economy. For some allies in Eastern Europe, the debt ceiling debate comes at a particularly important moment for U.S. strength. Michal Baranowski, managing director of the German Marshall Fund of the U.S., is watching the congressional fight closely from Warsaw, which has seen an influx of refugees from neighboring Ukraine since Russia's invasion. A weaker U.S. on the geopolitical stage, Baranowski worries, could weaken support for Ukraine and, by extension, leave its neighbor Poland more vulnerable to Russia.

"For a close ally of the U.S. like Poland, the debate over the debt ceiling is unnerving," Baranowski said. "We really need the U.S. as a strong leader in world affairs during this time of deep global instability. I worry that the debt ceiling debate burns up valuable political oxygen that I would rather the U.S. spend for leadership abroad. It makes the U.S. look inward-looking, at best."

Even before Biden decided to cut short his trip to return to Washington over the debt ceiling talks, Yellen was warning that a failure to raise the borrowing cap and a fall into default would hurt the United States' international standing.

"It would spark a global downturn that would set us back much further," Yellen said in Japan last week. "It would also risk undermining U.S. global economic leadership and raise questions about our ability to defend our national security interests."

Even though Biden is returning early in hopes of averting a default, his schedule change brought some diplomatic setbacks anyway. The canceled trip to Papua New Guinea and Australia was expected to signal that after decades of neglect, the U.S. was directing more attention to a region where China has been a larger player. Biden's stop in Papua New Guinea was also going to be the first by a sitting American president. Now those plans — including the Quad Leaders' Summit between Australia, India, Japan and the U.S. — are off. (The summit's logo, featuring a multicolored Sydney Opera House, had a short shelf life.)

"A no-show from a United States president will never be a good news story, but the garbled messaging makes Biden's dismount look especially messy," the Sydney Morning Herald complained.

Gordon Flake, chief executive of the Perth USAsia Centre at the University of Western Australia, was in Seoul at a conference when news broke and spread through a surprised crowd that Biden had canceled the Australia leg of his trip. Canceled summit aside, Flake said he worries about how a widening political divide — and more empowered House GOP — can interrupt U.S. diplomacy.

"The real issue is this feeds into a broader unease, if not distrust, in U.S. domestic politics," Flake said, "and growing anxiety about the next election."

Then there is a basic befuddlement over why this is happening in the first place. Other developed economies — including some in the European Union and places such as Pakistan and Malaysia — set their debt limits as percentages of GDP, according to research from the Atlantic Council, a think tank focusing on international affairs.

But the vast majority of nations — including India, Japan, China, Australia and Britain — have no debt limit whatsoever. Only Denmark handles its debt ceiling like the U.S., but its limit is set so high that it is essentially a formality and will never be crossed. Most countries elsewhere can't afford even approaching the idea of not paying their debt, because that would create all kinds of price spikes and downgrades, and cause investors to flee, said Josh Lipsky, senior director of the Atlantic Council's Geoeconomics Center.

"Countries look around the world, and they just can't understand it," Lipsky said. "They can't understand it because they don't have a similar process. And they can't understand that, even if you had a similar process, why would you risk defaulting?"

That question, and the scene playing out in Washington, is enough to persuade other countries not to go down this path, said Monica de Bolle, an expert on Latin America at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. She pointed to Brazil, which is in the process of rethinking its fiscal framework and ways to replace its fiscal cap. A debt ceiling like the one that exists in the U.S. stirred debate, but was never written into a proposal. It was shot down vehemently, thanks to the U.S. example.

"Everyone is going, 'No, no, not a debt limit!' " de Bolle said. "It is very much on people's minds, in a lot of different dimensions, and certainly in the sphere of what not to do in terms of policymaking."

FREE FOR ALL

Denigrating a hero

Come on! The moving two-page article about a teenage sex victim convicted of trafficking and sentenced to 20 years and the 10-year effort by trafficking activist Andrea Powell that freed the teenager, “At 17, she was sold for sex — and jailed as a trafficker” [front page, May 9], twice quoted a detective calling Powell “Rescue Barbie” — once in the text and once in a photo caption.

The detective might have meant it as a compliment or as a joke, but, unadorned in print, it was dismissive. I think The Post owes Powell an apology.

John T. Rich, *Bethesda*

A one-way Street to equality

I enjoyed the May 5 obituary for the celebrated author and editor Michael Denneny, “Trailblazing editor championed the work of gay writers.” As was mentioned in the listing of his accomplishments, he created the magazine Christopher Street. It was a combination of social etiquette guide, fashion image-maker, literary eye-opener and pathfinder to the more sophisticated sexual environments those of us in the LGBT community of the time were discovering, among other instructions for our entree to our newly found sexual universe. In the 1970s and 1980s, there was a tidal wave of individuals freshly liberated into a sexual world who could figure out basic sexual skills useful for a one-night stand but who wanted more than that. We needed a map. We needed help to develop a functioning social network, and that led to Supreme Court legitimatization decades later.

Along with Christopher Street as an entertaining instruction manual, the books Mr. Denneny edited and published created a rich tapestry of characters who fleshed out how to function in a community in a multidimensional format. In earlier times, most, though not all, printed material (note the high-end books of English lesbian 1920-1940s creation) dealing with LGBT themes was of the soft-core concept. All of a sudden, books of high-quality storylines with serious character development appeared almost monthly in cities that now had LGBT bookstores on major streets, not in hidden neighborhood alleys. Oscar Wilde’s love that dare not speak its name now owned a house in the suburbs and had a couple of adopted children, among other makings of civilization.

Denneny helped bring a whole population into the planet’s light, and for that he made better the world’s culture and cultures.

Thomas Bower, *Washington*

FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Vika, 15, unfurls a Ukrainian flag in Mariupol, Ukraine, on March 8.

A one-way street to confusion

What a lucky youngster!

The caption for a photograph that accompanied Leon Aron’s May 7 Opinion essay, “See occupied Mariupol, where dread and suspicion reign,” said “Vika, 15, unfurls a Ukrainian flag on the street that a friend had given her for her birthday.”

Perhaps if she’s a good youngster, she’ll be given an expressway on her next birthday?

Dick Foster, *Springfield*

Entitled to more accurate titling

Regarding the May 11 front-page article “A test at border as rule expires” (and others):

The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency ended May 11 and, with it, emergency-related exclusion of aliens from the United States. This means lawyers throughout the country can stop cringing at the news media’s calling this the “termination of Title 42.” Nothing could be further from the truth. We should all be happy that Title 42 of the U.S. Code remains fully in force, covering the breadth of its name: “The Public Health and Welfare.”

Title 42 contains the statutory authority for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s orders directing removal on coronavirus-related grounds of people crossing our borders. Clearly, the U.S. media and public needed a more user-friendly expression for these orders than the CDC’s hideously complex names such as “Public Health Reassessment and Order Suspending the Right to Introduce Certain Persons from Countries Where a Quarantinable Communicable Disease Exists.”

The media went the wrong way. Instead of calling the restrictions “the CDC’s covid exclusion orders” or “the CDC covid immigration orders” or just “the CDC’s orders,” the media — and then the public — used “Title 42.” Title 42 makes no mention of the coronavirus or covid-19 whatsoever. The mischief in this naming approach is that it suggests that the president (not Congress) can terminate a statute. We don’t call an order changing the filing deadline for tax returns in a national emergency “the termination of the Internal Revenue Code [Title 26].” Please take this lesson for future reporting: Lay any blame upon the agency acting, not its statutory authority to act.

William B. Hoffman, *Washington*

The mask slips on our lack of local focus

The May 4 front-page article “At hospitals and doctors’ offices, masks come off” discussed mask mandates ending in doctors’ offices and hospitals, and it featured a woman with long covid in Montana. There was further mention of hospitals in California, Iowa, Massachusetts and Oregon.

Great, um, sure, but why mention all this and not provide any news or update about what is happening in hospitals and doctors’ offices around D.C., Maryland and Virginia? Would The Post mind please sharing some news I can use?

Patrick Garvey, *Annapolis*

WOLFGANG RATTAY/REUTERS

Lance Armstrong competes in the Tour de France in Le Grand Bornand, France, on July 22, 2004.

Actually, maybe cheating with an e-bike *would* make you Lance Armstrong

Rick Reilly’s May 10 op-ed on the pickleball craze, “Pickleball is the worst,” included several clever derisions, notably this: “Riding an electric bike doesn’t make you Lance Armstrong.”

The American cycling world, however, recoils at the suggestion that Armstrong is an exemplar of the sport. All of Armstrong’s seven Tour de France wins were retracted following revelations that he had been doping for years, which hardly qualifies him to serve as a “champion” of the sport. A better choice of cycling athlete would have been Greg LeMond, an anti-doping advocate and three-time — and only American male — winner of the Tour de France.

Jack Brady, *Washington*

Don’t ignore a super-duper coach

It’s sad that The Post neglected to publish an obituary for Coach Denny Crum of the University of Louisville.

Crum

His death was mentioned only in the May 10 Sports Digest item “Louisville coaching icon Crum dies at 86.”

He was not only a Hall of Fame coach; he was also a Hall of Fame person who contributed to the Louisville community in many ways.

Reed H. Davis, *Taylorsville, Ky.*

Keep ignoring the super duper

Thank you to The Post for not making former president Donald Trump’s town hall on CNN one of the top news stories. He is obviously a man crying “fire” in a crowded theater.

Cathleen Stewart, *Rock Hill, S.C.*

Riedel should withdraw his objections

I recognize that the April 23 front-page article “Afghanistan once again a hotbed for terrorism plotters” included a critical comment by Bruce Riedel about the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan. In the opinion of some military historians, the withdrawal could be considered, by comparison, relatively orderly.

One can judge the quality of any event, such as a withdrawal, only by comparing it with similar events in the past. By that standard, the withdrawal from Afghanistan was actually historically comparatively orderly.

- Rome abruptly pulled its legions out of Britain because they were needed to defend Gaul and Italy. The Romanized Britons were left on their own as Picts and Anglo-Saxons overran them. They pleaded in vain with Rome to send legions back.
- At the end of the Revolutionary War, the British pulled their troops out and left the American Loyalists and Indian allies, who had fought alongside them, at the mercy of the Revolutionaries. Persecuted, many Loyalists fled to Canada.
- When the tide turned on the Eastern Front in World War II, the Germans rapidly pulled back, abandoning those Russians and Ukrainians who had sided with them.
- After the British partitioned India into (mostly Hindu) India and (mostly Muslim) Pakistan, they boarded their ships and sailed away. A Hindu Indian I knew recalled lying on the floor of a bus, fleeing to the new India while Muslims, going in the other direction to the new Pakistan, were shooting at them.
- When the British pulled out of Palestine, they sailed away and left the Israelis to fight it out with Palestinians, Egyptians, Syrians and Jordanians.
- Remember our withdrawal from Vietnam.

From January 2020 until our last troops left in August 2021, about 4 million Afghans (10 percent of the population) emigrated. It is evident from this that those who wanted to get out could and did. The State Department had advised Americans to get out in April 2021. The 120,000 or so we flew out at the end, in one of the greatest airlifts in history, amounted to about 3 percent of the departees.

Compared with major withdrawals throughout history, the withdrawal from Afghanistan could be considered a success. The Post should have presented alternate viewpoints.

W.R. Miller, *Erie, Pa.*

GREG KAHN/GRAIN FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Patricia Spencer Favreau with her mother, Doris Cammack Spencer, in Chesapeake Beach, Md.

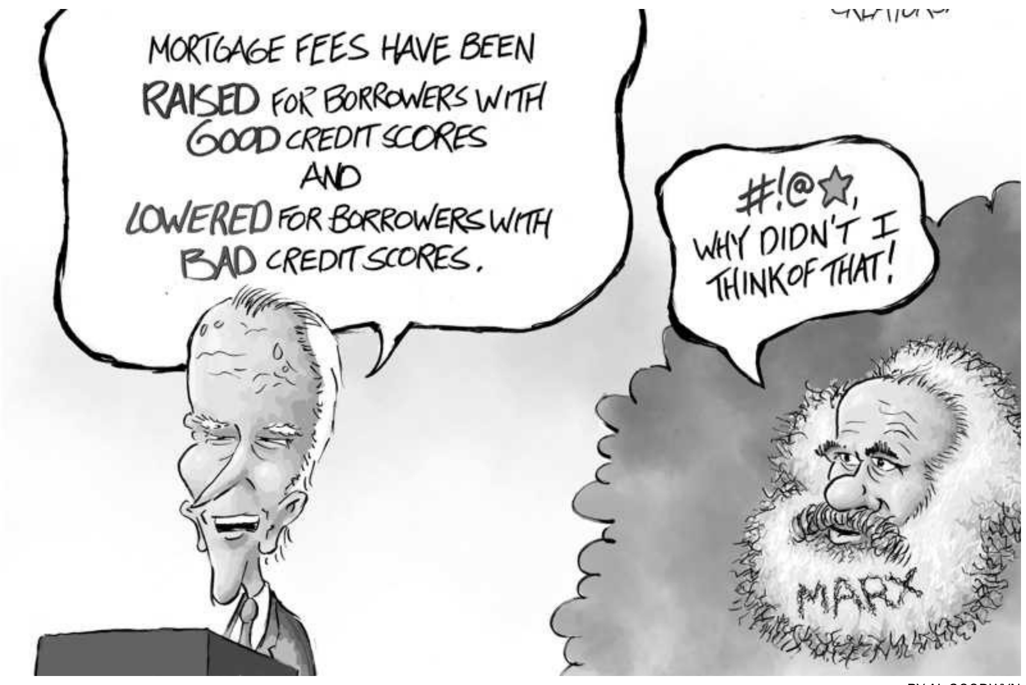
Making history — but not the news

Patricia Spencer Favreau’s May 11 op-ed tribute to her mother, “My mother’s passport is empty, but her journeys are remarkable,” brought tears to my eyes.

What a wonderful essay on the unknown women who fought for civil, human and women’s rights since the 1950s in our country. The Rosa Parkses, Coretta Scott Kings, Angela Davises, Fannie Lou Hamers, Dolores Huertas and Gloria Steinems were brave, courageous and true fighters for change, but there were so many of our mothers, aunts and grandmothers who never made the papers or the 6 p.m. news.

Bravo to Doris Cammack Spencer for doing it all!

Peggy M. Spates, *Hyattsville*



BY AL GOODWYN

Low Marx for a misleading toon

I was disappointed The Post published the May 6 Drawing Board cartoon by Al Goodwyn about President Biden raising mortgage rates on people with better credit scores. A little research would show that it was the Federal Housing Finance Agency, an independent agency, that came up with the idea. The president had nothing to do with it even though that is how it is being presented by some publications with questionable ethics.

That cartoon did nothing more than spread lies about who is responsible for this change in mortgage rates. I expect more from The Post than that. Oh, and even those with higher scores supposedly will pay less than they do now once this plan goes into effect.

Joanne Marcus, *Woodbridge*

Al Goodwyn’s May 6 Drawing Board cartoon was a disgrace. There was nothing satirical about it; it was pure political propaganda.

There is zero evidence of any sort that President Biden was involved in the Federal Housing Finance Agency’s decision to tweak fees on mortgages. He has made no statements on the issue and has not issued any executive orders, nor has there been any congressional involvement. The FHFA is an independent regulatory agency. If there is evidence linking Biden to the decision, The Post should please document and publish it.

Borrowers with low credit scores will still pay higher fees on their mortgages than borrowers with higher scores. Borrowers with down payments of less than 20 percent will still pay private mortgage insurance to mitigate the risk.

Whether you agree or disagree with the very complex changes to fees (which actually began over a year ago) intended to recalibrate risk factors in mortgage lending, at least stay out of the propaganda business.

Dana Scanlon, *Kensington*
The writer is a Realtor.

Majorly misrepresenting the majority

The May 8 front-page article “Most in U.S. back GOP’s anti-trans policies” grossly misrepresented The Post’s polling about transgender people and the GOP’s attacks on them.

As first reported by journalist Parker Molloy in a Substack essay, Question 30 of The Post’s own poll showed that clear majorities of Americans support laws that protect transgender people from discrimination. Yet the headline and article said the opposite. Thats’s a grave error.

Besides, we’ve seen this story too many times before. People seeking power whip up fear against members of a minority group and use laws to hunt and hurt them. We know it’s never the right thing to do. We know how that story ends. Why be complicit in telling that story all over again, when you could instead tell the truth behind it? I expected better of The Post.

Nathan Alderman, *Crozet, Va.*

I’m writing with disappointment about the May 8 front-page article “Most in U.S. back GOP’s anti-trans policies.” Unlike other news outlets, The Post typically covers trans issues in a comprehensive and respectful way, avoiding throwing fuel on the fire of a contentious national debate. This headline and accompanying article were an exception.

In a climate in which transgender people’s right to exist is being challenged by lawmakers in many states, this kind of headline is harmful — and incomplete, given the source on which it’s based. (And here, I’m going to use “transgender” to refer to all people in the gender-nonconforming umbrella, as the article does.) I suggest that a more accurate headline would be something like “Most Americans confused about trans health care.” If most Americans, as the poll showed, support counseling but oppose medication, clearly they do not understand the typical medical needs of transgender people. That is not a conclusion the article drew. The same conclusion could be drawn from the question that asked about gender assigned at birth, which most Americans misunderstand.

Further, the article shockingly did not address one of the most interesting poll answers in the bunch: Question 34, which asked whether respondents are concerned about the mental health of transgender girls if they are not allowed to compete with other girls. A majority of respondents said some version of yes. Let’s unpack *that!* Most Americans are concerned but don’t know what to do about it. Most Americans do care but don’t have accurate information.

Any of those conclusions would have been less damaging to the current moment and a more precise and hopeful representation of the poll results. Please do better next time. Thousands of children, including my own, depend on more responsible reporting.

Emily H. Green, *Falls Church*

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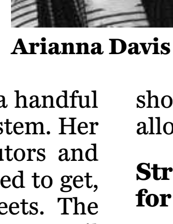
D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) at a House Oversight subcommittee hearing.

Ms. Bowser has eight good ideas to fight violent crime

The D.C. Council should pass them, now.

A 10-YEAR-OLD girl, Arianna Davis, clung to life for three days before dying of wounds she suffered from a barrage of indiscriminate gunfire while riding in the backseat of her parents' car, alongside her siblings, on Mother's Day. Police don't believe anyone in the vehicle was being targeted. They were just in the wrong place at the wrong time. The shooters got away.

This is what the crime crisis looks like in every quadrant of the capital city: At 4 a.m. on Monday, a stray bullet hit a 12-year-old girl in the leg as she slept in her Southeast apartment. Around 4 p.m., a 64-year-old man was fatally shot outside a 7-Eleven. A few hours later, a 19-year-old man was killed in Shipley. On Tuesday, a 35-year-old woman was killed in Columbia Heights. On Wednesday, a 17-year-old boy was fatally shot in the parking lot of Roosevelt High School in Northwest.



Arianna Davis

More than 200 people were killed in 2021, and again in 2022, for the first time since 2003. As of May 18, the District has already endured 84 homicides this year. Sexual abuse is up 44 percent compared with last year. Robbery is up 20 percent, and motor vehicle theft is up 115 percent.

The calamity demands an urgent response. Fortunately, Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) proposed thoughtful legislation this week to close a handful of gaps and loopholes in the criminal justice system. Her modest recommendations give police, prosecutors and judges the tools — and the discretion — they need to get, and keep, more violent criminals off the streets. The D.C. Council should not break for summer recess until giving serious consideration to these eight sensible ideas:

Stiffen penalties for illegal gun possession

The influx of cheap and semiautomatic firearms turns deadly what used to be routine fights. The mayor wants to make it illegal to possess any firearm with the serial number removed or altered. She also wants to ban the use of such guns as security for a loan, increase the penalty for illegally discharging a firearm and prohibit the possession of ammunition by felons.

Keep violent career criminals in jail pending trial

Of the 16,090 defendants released into the D.C. community to await trial during the 2022 fiscal year, 1,270 were rearrested on new criminal charges while their original cases were still pending, according to the city's Pretrial Services Agency. Activists say this is *only* 8 percent, and most of the rearrests are not for violent crime. It's still unacceptably high. Ms. Bowser's proposal would create a rebuttable presumption that a defendant who is charged with a violent crime, and who has a previous conviction for committing a violent crime, will not be released.

Make it easier to hold dangerous juveniles in detention

Well-intentioned reforms enacted in 2016 created the presumption that minors charged with offenses such as robbery and attempted robbery would no longer be held in detention. Amid a carjacking epidemic, Ms. Bowser wants to close the revolving door caused by these catch-and-release policies. Authorities say adults often put up minors to commit crimes for which they know they aren't going to be held. Her proposal would create the presumption that youth detention is required if a judge believes there is a substantial probability the child committed a dangerous crime or carried a handgun without a license.

Make strangulation a type of felony assault

Experts say strangulation is a key warning sign that domestic violence will turn deadly. Amid a rise in sex crimes, Ms. Bowser wants to broaden the definition of "significant bodily injury" to include strangulation and suffocation, with a three-year penalty. The mayor's plan also calls for collecting DNA from accused rapists earlier in the process. Instead of waiting for conviction, she wants genetic material collected after a probable cause hearing so that serial rapists can be more easily identified.

Use ankle-monitoring data better to combat crime

The mayor wants to make it easier for police officers investigating crimes to access location and identification data collected by devices owned and operated by other agencies. Civil libertarians object to real-time access and worry about police misusing data to round up the usual suspects. But when there is a shooting such as the one that killed Arianna Davis, for example, cops should be able to instantly find out whether there was someone in the vicinity who is awaiting trial or on probation for other crimes. And the criminal code should be updated to clarify that prosecutors can use such GPS data to help establish guilt at trial.

Give judges more discretion to keep criminals behind bars

People convicted of crimes committed before they turn 25 can petition for early release after serving 15 years. The theory is that brains aren't fully developed until that age. The problem is that the law limits which factors judges are allowed to consider when deciding whether to free inmates. Ms. Bowser believes judges should be able to consider the offender's level of remorse and maturity, as well as the nature of the offense for which they are locked up. The system is designed to tip the scales toward release, and to protect someone wrongfully convicted from needing to express regret for crimes they didn't commit in order to go free. But judges should be allowed to exercise more judgment so that remorseless mass shooters serve their full sentences and aren't prematurely allowed to reenter society.

Strengthen punishments for violent crimes on public transit

People will stop using mass transit if they are scared of being attacked on the train or bus. To bolster public confidence, Ms. Bowser wants to create penalty enhancements to increase the maximum sentence up to 50 percent for violent crimes committed against on-duty Metro employees (whether bus drivers or station managers) or fellow passengers. These protections would also apply for ride-share drivers. It is essential that gangs and other wrongdoers understand the city will vigilantly protect transportation systems.

The measure would also increase sentences by up to 50 percent for crimes committed against people at city-run recreation centers, which could turn these into sanctuaries from violence. After a teenager fatally shot a man as he sat in a wheelchair in front of his Northeast home last year, Ms. Bowser wants to stiffen accountability for anyone who commits violence against people with disabilities, too.

The council has resisted penalty enhancements on the grounds that they don't deter crime because people don't realize they're on the books. This can be addressed with signage on buses and trains. Enhancements also give prosecutors more leverage in plea negotiations.

Use metrics better

Alongside the proposed legislative text, Ms. Bowser signed an executive order on Monday aimed at consolidating myriad city efforts — including those under the control of the independent attorney general — to prevent, interrupt and reduce violence. She wants standardized requirements for hiring and consistent performance metrics. The mayor also wants to require the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to report more data on process and outcomes so that the public understands who — and what — is driving crime. And her proposal to increase reimbursements for residents who buy private security cameras would create more footage that police can potentially access during investigations.

After clashing with the mayor for years over public safety, the D.C. Council this week fully funded her budget request for police recruitment and retention. The council also voted to stop the phased withdrawal of school resource officers. This is a major reversal that reflects the overwhelming desire of parents and principals to keep police protection. And it indicates room for movement on some of the mayor's proposals, which also earned the endorsement of the outgoing police chief and D.C.'s U.S. attorney.

In response to Ms. Bowser pushing the council to vote on her bill before its summer recess, D.C. Council Chairman Phil Mendelson (D) said it would be "difficult" to move anything that quickly. But the council has previously shown an ability to move swiftly when the moment demands it. After George Floyd's murder on May 25, 2020, the council passed a comprehensive police reform bill on July 6. Members should move just as swiftly after the killing of Arianna Davis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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VMI speech was no surprise

It is not surprising that Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) agreed to be the commencement speaker at the Virginia Military Institute. The May 15 Metro article "Youngkin to address VMI amid crises in enrollment, finances and diversity" quoted VMI Superintendent Cedric T. Wins as saying, "It is only fitting that the current leader of the commonwealth shares his wisdom and guidance with the future leaders of Virginia and the nation."

Mr. Youngkin campaigned for governor by questioning the investigation of institutional racism and sexism at VMI. He is a foe of equality initiatives at all levels of education in our state. Looking back at the history of racism and sexism at VMI, we must ask why the taxpayers of Virginia will be paying $29 million for the 2023-2024 academic year to support this school.

It should come as no surprise that enrollment at VMI has dropped in the past few years. The younger generations of Americans want inclusion, not exclusion, in our society.

Robert *and* **Lisa Morris**, *Ashburn*

Social media's effect on kids

In their May 12 op-ed, "We must protect kids online," Sens. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) and Katie Boyd Britt (R-Ala.) wrote that "toxic content" on social media makes kids "more depressed, anxious and upset," and used that to justify their new bill restricting access and advertising to children online.

But a new report from the American Psychological Association found that social media use is "not inherently beneficial or harmful to young people," as reported in the May 15 Capital Business article "Officials say social media hurts teens. But scientists say it's complicated." The article noted that the report found "studies showing direct harm are still somewhat rare" and that " 'youths' psychological development may benefit' from social interaction online, especially for 'those experiencing mental health crises, or members of marginalized groups.' "

Kids in distress need their parents, not politicians, to stay in control of where they find comfort, help and support. At the very least, the jury seems to still be out on the harms and benefits to kids on social media.

Jessica Melugin, *The Plains, Va.*
The writer is director of the Center for Technology and Innovation at the Competitive Enterprise Institute.

Teaching is an art

The May 15 front-page article "Apprenticeships help fight teacher shortages" was an affirmation of a concept that shaped my life.

I'm a former teacher, 42 years in total. My teacher training came in the form of a program at George Washington University in the 1970s called Masters in Applied Teaching. The requirements: bachelor's degree in any discipline but teaching. The program lasted one year and included experience at multiple schools within the district you wished to teach in (Montgomery, Prince George's or D.C.). An important component of the program was videotaping of your teaching and then analysis of that video with seasoned master teachers.

I soon learned that teaching, although classified as a profession, is actually an art. Artists perfect their skills and develop their own styles by working with master artists. Through coaching and modeling, novice teachers were trained to use the best practices in education. Watching oneself make mistakes, falter and stumble on tape is a powerful tool in improving your teaching skills.

I applaud the revival or return to what I believe is the best and most efficient way to develop good teachers: apprenticeships.

Frank J. Sanford, *Chevy Chase*

The harms of anti-DEI laws

Regarding the May 16 news article "DeSantis signs bill to defund diversity programs at Fla. colleges":

A wave of anti-diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) legislation in multiple states endangers the diverse medical workforce that provides quality care to all patients, including those from underserved communities. DEI programs that successfully provide mentorship, academic support and scholarship for minority students have proved effective in increasing diversity in medical education and health-care delivery. Medical education on implicit bias and minority health is critical in training health-care workers to address the unique needs of diverse patient populations. For example, students undergoing DEI training are more likely to provide empathetic care for minority and non-English-speaking patients.

These bills would discourage minorities from pursuing training and employment in states that adopt these measures, worsening physician shortages, decreasing cultural competency and affecting health-care outcomes, including hindering access to trusted physicians, increased misdiagnosis and disparities in care. As health-care workers, we must educate elected officials, advocate for policies, build coalitions and pursue litigation strategies to protect DEI initiatives, programming and funding.

We cannot afford to move backward in our efforts toward health equity.

Franklyn Rocha-Cabrero, *Long Beach, Calif.*
The writer is an independent practitioner of neurology and clinical neurophysiology, a diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and an American Academy of Neurology Education Committee member.

One of the foundational principles of academic integrity in institutions of higher education is that the faculties are responsible for defining the educational content of academic programs. The regional accreditor for institutions in Florida, inter alia, is the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Its Standard 10.4 states, "The institution . . . places primary responsibility for the content, quality, and effectiveness of the curriculum with its faculty." There is no role for either a governor or a legislature in that clearly articulated standard. Each of the regional accrediting bodies for higher education institutions in the United States has similar language in its standards.

The recent actions by Florida's governor and legislature would appear to us to have effectively neutered that requirement. How is it that the SACS has not immediately placed every public higher education institution it accredits in Florida on immediate probation, with the likely follow-on of removing accreditation entirely? Actions do have consequences — or, at least, they ought to.

Charles L. Rice, *Bethesda*
The writer is president emeritus of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.
Arthur Kellermann, *Richmond*

Truman's Israel decision

Gordon F. Sander's terrific May 14 Retropolis column, "Truman's turn as Israel's champion," noted several important influences on President Harry S. Truman that led him to overcome antisemitic prejudice, defy expectations and threats from his own secretary of state, and recognize Israel just 11 minutes after it declared its independence on May 14, 1948. Those factors included his horror at the Holocaust, concern for the plight of Jews in the future, widespread American support for Israel and his close friendship with Eddie Jacobson.

Yet, according to historian Michael Beschloss, there was another important factor that influenced Truman: his knowledge of history. In his 2007 book, "Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How They Changed America 1789-1989," Mr. Beschloss recounts that, as a child, Truman had read a book called "Great Men and Famous Women." It included a chapter on Cyrus the Great, the Persian king who, a year after conquering Babylon in 539 B.C., had allowed the Jews living there in captivity to return to Israel. When, in 1948, Truman found the fate of a revived state of Israel in his hands, he recognized a historical parallel and saw himself as a modern-day Cyrus.

Years later, Jacobson introduced Truman at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, praising him for having "helped create the state of Israel." An animated Truman practically shoved Jacobson out of the way and exclaimed, "What do you mean 'helped to create?' I am Cyrus. I am Cyrus."

Stephen A. Silver, *San Francisco*

Ukraine's long wait for NATO

One must sympathize with frustrations expressed by Ukrainian officials in the May 15 news article "NATO races to bridge divisions over Kyiv's membership ahead of summit." It has been 15 years since the Bucharest Summit welcomed Kyiv's aspirations for accession to the security pact. Meanwhile, the intervening years have offered more in the way of gauzy commitments of friendship and "ironclad support" than concrete action toward formal alliance with Ukraine.

This empty rhetoric has not served Ukrainians well. On the contrary, it has gambled their lives and national sovereignty on a provocative bluff with Moscow that has twice been called.

The article clarified why some countries have serious reservations about admitting Ukraine while it is at war with Russia. This would trigger NATO's Article 5 mutual defense clause, putting the alliance — including the United States — in direct conflict with Russia. This reluctance obviously predates the Russian invasion, to say nothing of the 2014 annexation of Crimea and long-simmering war in Donbas.

Ukraine deserves better than this. If the United States and its NATO partners are unwilling to extend the alliance, they should say so. They should also propose an alternative. "Armed neutrality" might satisfy some of Kyiv's wholly justifiable concerns. But Ukraine should judge warily any peace settlement predicated on U.S. military commitments beyond what has yet been proffered. Washington has an obligation to promote a diplomatic solution, but, as a decade and a half of evidence shows, it will not (and should not) come at the risk of American security.

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Crime doesn't have to be violent to create a sense of lawlessness

Brazen shootings and carjackings are headline-grabbing offenses that spark calls for change in D.C.'s public-safety system. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) is right to push for a revitalized whole-of-government and legislative approach to crime in this city.

The fatal shooting Wednesday of Jefferson Luna-Perez, a 17-year-old Roosevelt High School student, hit home and hit hard in my Ward 4 community, where the school is located. The death of 10-year-old Arianna Davis, shot on Mother's Day, was also homicide of the worst kind. She was struck by a bullet from a barrage of indiscriminate gunfire as she rode in a vehicle with her family in Northeast D.C.'s Mayfair community near their home. The Post reports that among the seven juveniles to be fatally shot this year, Arianna is the youngest. Jefferson is the most recent. The two are among the 48 juveniles shot so far this year, which is twice the total at this time last year. And they are among the at least 85 killed in this city this year.

Violent crimes and homicides dominate the news, but there are other criminal offenses that don't draw blood yet contribute to the sense of lawlessness gripping parts of the District.

Think of the flash-mob-style robbery at a 7-Eleven store in Foggy Bottom that occurred last Sunday not long after we left our church two blocks away. I know the neighborhood like the back of my hand, having grown up in the area. And I'm no stranger to petty crimes. But those old neighborhood misdeeds are nothing like what was caught on surveillance video showing the 7-Eleven heist: Dozens of youths entering the store, taking whatever they could get their hands on, then fleeing on bikes or walking toward the nearby Foggy Bottom Metro Station. Employees reportedly said that another group, maybe twice as large, carried out the same kind of robbery at the convenience store last year.

A nonviolent episode, perhaps. But still an offense that weighs heavily on a neighborhood's feeling of safety.

As also with the case of the CVS on Connecticut Avenue near the Nebraska Avenue NW intersection. Earlier this month, three individuals, according to WTOP News, entered the store and ran down the aisles using trash bags and shopping carts to steal items, before taking off in a stolen car. I frequently patronize that CVS and other businesses on the block. The same group struck 20 minutes later at a CVS on Massachusetts Avenue in the Spring Valley NW neighborhood, WTOP reported.

On two occasions, I witnessed customers amble out of the Giant at Van Ness Street and Connecticut Avenue NW carrying bags of merchandise not paid for.

At the Safeway store on Piney Branch Road near the Georgia Avenue NW intersection, I walked in on the store's security guard moving to and fro, trying to block a young shoplifter, who adroitly darted past with his goods.

Brazen disregard of the law, true. But those thefts don't really stand out. They aren't extraordinary. They have become commonplace events, if I believe what is also reported in the news and on social media.

Lives and bloodshed lost? No. Toll on a community's sense of safety? Yes.

To her credit, Bowser does recognize what is obvious to all who live here, namely that the District is, as she stated in congressional testimony, "experiencing a dangerous trend in some crimes in the city." Not unlike other cities across the country.

This week, Bowser unveiled her new "Safer, Stronger DC" legislative proposal aimed toward closing what she views as "gaps that exist in our public safety ecosystem." Her major proposals would make it easier for judges to detain defendants awaiting trial, increase sentences for gun crimes and other offenses, and raise barriers for inmates convicted of serious crimes to get early release from prison. Bowser's proposals are landing in the laps of progressive members of the D.C. Council who often part company with her on criminal justice issues.

It is unclear whether most council members share her concern to the point of wanting to act, notwithstanding rising homicides, carjackings, shootings of juveniles and a 24-percent increase in theft. And some criminal reform advocates question whether her suggested changes will improve public safety.

The mayor is pressing for speedy consideration before the council goes on summer vacation. Under the current schedule, that would entail conducting a legislative debate and two votes by mid-July. Council Chairman Phil Mendelson (D) told DCist/WAMU, "That would be difficult. These are complicated issues."

Only if the council makes it so.

Bowser, of course, bears the burden of producing substantive evidence that her proposals are needed — that without her changes, crime in the District, especially juvenile crime, will only worsen. Her case must be based on solid data, not armchair speculation. And the council must make time to listen, examine, weigh the claims and act, as required by their oaths and conscience, before taking time off. Summer break can wait.

District residents under duress deserve no less from their elected public servants.

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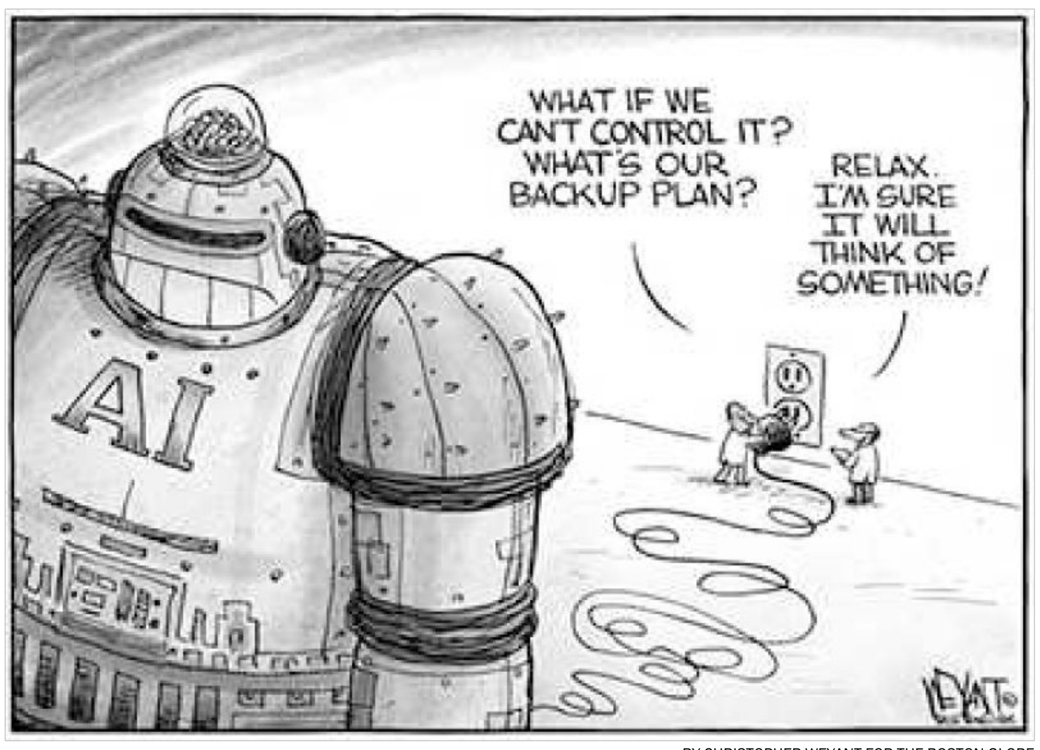

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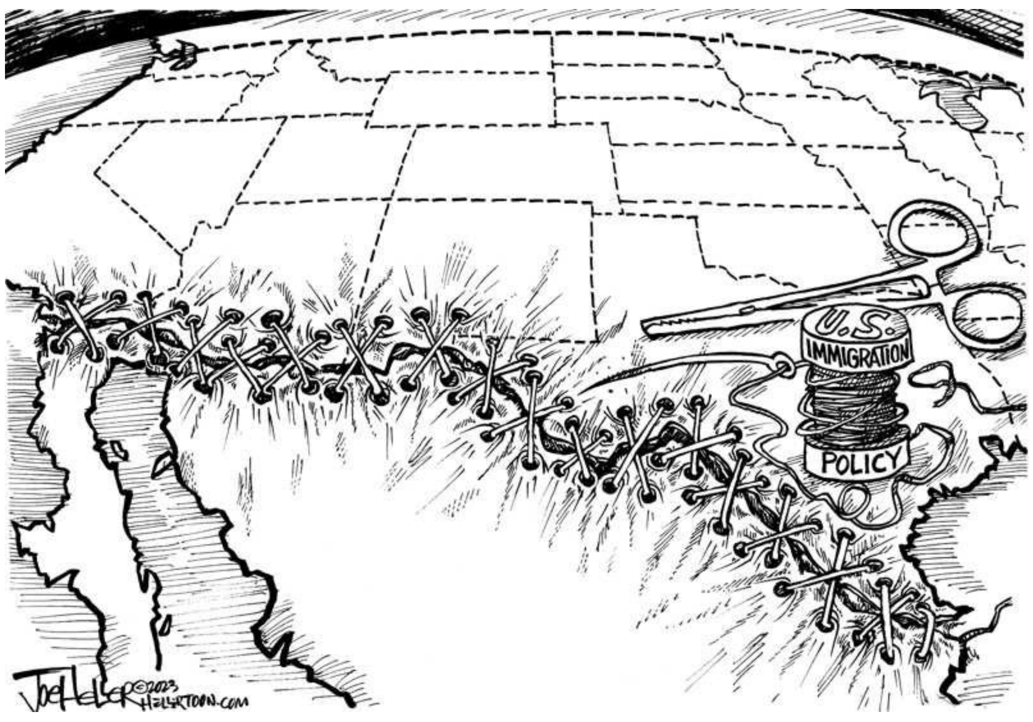

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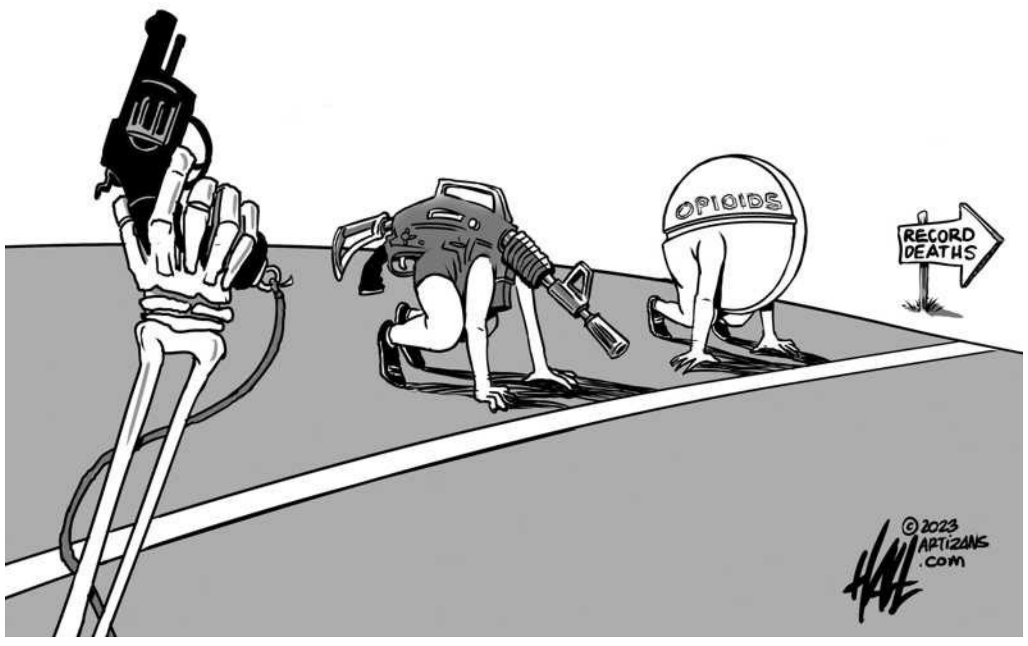

BY ED HALL

LEANA S. WEN

Mammograms at age 40? Yes, please.

Last week, the influential U.S. Preventive Services Task Force proposed a revision to its breast cancer screening guidelines to lower the age of starting mammograms from 50 to 40. This is an important change that, if adopted, would increase early breast cancer detection.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women. About 1 in 8 women in the United States will develop breast cancer in their lifetimes. It is the second-leading cause of cancer death, claiming the lives of around 42,000 women every year.

Early diagnosis is crucial. When breast cancer is detected before it can spread to the lymph nodes and other parts of the body, the five-year survival rate is 99 percent. When detected after the cancer has metastasized, it declines to 30 percent.

In recent years, there has been a steady increase in younger people being diagnosed with cancer. Between 2015 and 2019, breast cancer diagnoses among women in their 40s have risen an average of 2 percent a year. A large 2020 British study reported that mortality from breast cancer could be reduced by lowering the starting age of mammography to 40.

This is especially essential for Black women. A study published in JAMA Network Open found that the rate of breast cancer deaths among Black women in their 40s was 27 per 100,000 person-years, compared with 15 per 100,000 among White women. Another study by the American Cancer Society reports that only 57 percent of breast cancer in Black women were detected at a localized stage compared with 67 percent in White women.

The task force reviewed these studies and other new evidence and concluded that there was a "moderate benefit" to lowering the age of recommended mammograms to 40 — that is, the benefit of earlier cancer detection outweighs the harm of potentially unnecessary tests and the possibility of false-positive results.

This change, if finalized after the public comment period, would more closely align guidance among major national entities. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists already recommends women to receive mammograms beginning at age 40. The American Cancer Society's guidelines recommend women start at 45, with an option to begin earlier at 40.

The recommendations differ in some respects. The task force calls for mammograms every two years from age 40 to 74. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommends them every one to two years from 40 until "at least age 75 years." The American Cancer Society guidelines say that women ages 45 to 54 should be screened annually, then transition to biennial screening — though they can choose annual screening if they wish — for as long as they are in good health and have a life expectancy of 10 years or longer.

These recommendations apply only to women at average risk of breast cancer. Those with higher risk might start screenings earlier and with additional imaging studies. This includes anyone who has had a first-degree relative (such as a sister, mother or daughter) with breast cancer; a breast cancer diagnosis themselves; genetic testing positive for mutations such as BRCA; or prior radiation to the chest.

I fall into this higher-risk category myself. My mother was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer when she was in her mid-40s. In close consultation with my primary-care physician, I began annual breast cancer screenings in my mid-30s. Because I have dense breast tissue, which could obscure mammography findings, I also go for a breast MRI exam every year.

Twice, I've had a finding that warranted further investigation. While it was distressing to go through the process of pursuing what ended up being a false-positive, it would have been far worse to be diagnosed at a later stage, as was the case with my mother, who ended up dying from her cancer.

My takeaway for patients wondering how to make sense of the changing guidance is to begin by determining their risk of developing breast cancer. If they are high-risk, these screening guidelines don't apply to them. They should speak with their physician about when to start mammograms, how often to do them and what additional studies might be needed.

Those at average risk should start mammograms at age 40. Because recommending entities differ in testing frequency, women can decide whether they'd prefer a yearly mammogram or one every two years. Patients who want additional reassurance could opt for the former, while those who prioritize reducing health-care visits could choose the latter. (The Affordable Care Act requires insurance companies to cover screening mammograms, so costs should not be a determining factor for most people.)

Every time I go for my mammogram or MRI, I am anxious. I remember vividly my mother telling me about her cancer diagnosis, and every year, I know that there is a chance I could have a result that prompts a similar conversation with my family. But if I have cancer, I'd want to know as soon as possible. Indeed, this is why cancer screening is such a critical part of routine preventive care: Early detection, followed by prompt treatment, saves lives.

This column is excerpted from Leana S. Wen's Post Opinions newsletter, The Checkup. To sign up, go to wapo.st/checkup-newsletter.

ALEXANDRA PETRI

Looking for a place to spend your golden years? Try the U.S. Senate.

Worried about finding a reliable senior community for your loved ones — or even yourself? A place where you can focus on things you love, discover new hobbies, make friends and keep leading a vibrant life in your golden years? Do you long for a beautiful facility where trusted staff will take you from activity to activity yet you can retain your independence — even sporting a little "I" after your name to let everyone know just how independent you are?

Consider . . . retiring to the United States Senate.

The world's greatest deliberative body might seem a counterintuitive place to retire, but consider all the things that make it an appealing place to grow old.

Here at the Senate, there's no shame in being senior! Indeed, our senior members are the most important. We make a point of it: We have a minimum age but no maximum. Our members' average age is 64.3 — more than 25 years older than the U.S. median age!

Worried that you will slow things down or that your absence could grind things to a halt? Don't be. Go as fast or as slow as you'd like — the Senate will be there, waiting. That is how the system is designed.

There's so much to do here for members of all ages! We have a gym, a library and groups called committees for members who share a common interest — Appropriations, Budget, Judiciary, Foreign Relations and more. We also have a floor for votes! You can pass real, binding legislation! Laws that people have to live by — even decades into the future!

Want to learn more about technology? Hold a hearing! Worried you don't understand the latest technology? Simply ban it!

Our historic facility boasts marble hallways and manicured grounds. We don't offer golf on-site, but it is very easy to have a lobbyist take you!

There's a constant stream of visitors, so you'll never be bored. Tourists. Activists. Student groups. They'll ask questions about the past, about their future. Feel free to answer as brusquely as you'd like — or not at all. This isn't about them. It's about *you*. Remember, the less you think about the consequences your presence here has for other people, the more worry-free your tenure can be!

Here, activities include running (only every six years), voting, fundraising (this can be as onerous as you make it), making phone calls and dodging (reporter questions, calls to resign).

To enter, you'll have to pick a team, but don't worry: The longer you stay, the less it will matter. You'll start to feel a bond with your fellow members that transcends any so-called party allegiance.

And in the Senate, there is no such thing as too old! Strom Thurmond stayed nearly until he died, at age 100. You, too, can stay that long — or even longer.

No worries, either, about overstaying your welcome. Jane Mayer of the New Yorker wrote that, "Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina, and Robert Byrd, of West Virginia, were widely known by the end of their careers to be non-compos mentis." Your constituents might mind, but the Senate will gladly accommodate you.

What if you reach a point when it becomes difficult to function? Simply assume that will not be a problem!

In the Senate, we believe that you're never too seasoned to participate! What's more, we insist on it — from approving judicial nominees (some for life!) to shaping legislation that will determine how much carbon dioxide our nation releases for the next few decades! Don't worry if you're not knowledgeable about some issues; just mess around. The next generation will sort things out!

Don't wait! Save your seat in the Senate today!

Some fine print: Yes, you are technically representing a state full of people and making policy decisions for the country as a whole. The ramifications of these policy decisions will last for years, maybe generations. If you enter with strong principles and a clear sense of mission, it is still possible that simply by remaining in the Senate you can jeopardize everything you've worked so hard to build.

But don't let these details stand in the way of a wonderful Senate retirement. Be like Strom Thurmond! That's a sentence everybody loves to hear.

And, if the Senate's not for you, consider . . . retiring to the White House!

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Coming Up This Week

MON. MAY 22 AT 11:30 A.M.

‘YOU HURT MY FEELINGS’
Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Actor & Producer
Tobias Menzies, Actor

The actors offer an inside look at their new comedy about a long marriage that is suddenly upended.

TUES. MAY 23 AT 9:00 A.M.

‘NO LABELS’
Joe Lieberman, Founding Chair, No Labels and Former Senator (I-Conn.)
Pat McCrory, Co-Founder, No Labels and Former Governor (R-N.C.)

Lieberman and McCrory discuss a $70 million effort to get a potential third-party presidential candidate on the ballot in 2024.

TUES. MAY 23 AT 4:00 P.M.

WELL+BEING
Orna Guralnik, Psychologist & Psychoanalyst, “Couples Therapy”

Guralnik talks about the documentary series that uses psychoanalytic principles to explore couples’ relationships.

WED. MAY 24 AT 11:00 A.M.

LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD
Reagan Carey, Commissioner, Premier Hockey Federation

Carey outlines her vision to increase funding, viewership and support for women’s hockey as the commissioner of the Premier Hockey Federation.

WED. MAY 24 AT 1:00 P.M.

A CONVERSATION WITH SUSAN E. RICE
White House Domestic Policy Advisor

Rice provides an update on President Biden’s agenda and reflects on her time in public service as she prepares to step down as the administration’s domestic policy advisor.

WED. MAY 24 AT 3:30 P.M.

PROTECTING PUBLIC SAFETY
Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, Author, “Break the Wheel”

Ellison shares his new book about leading the prosecution of Derek Chauvin for George Floyd’s murder and the country’s ongoing racial reckoning.

THURS. MAY 25 AT 2:00 P.M.

RACE IN AMERICA: GIVING VOICE
Angeline Boulley, Author, “Warrior Girl Unearthed”

The best-selling author discusses her new book, a follow-up to her prize-winning debut novel, centered on the lives of a group of Native American women.

FRI. MAY 26 AT 9:00 A.M.

FIRST LOOK
The Post’s **Jonathan Capehart**, **Hugh Hewitt** and **Jennifer Rubin**

Washington Post Live’s “First Look” offers a smart, inside take on the day’s politics. Jonathan Capehart hosts a reporter debrief followed by a roundtable discussion with Washington Post columnists.

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PHOTOS BY ASTRID RIECKEN FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

'I've been waiting 23 years for this'

Commuters and local leaders celebrate as Metro's Potomac Yard station finally opens in Alexandria

BY MICHAEL LARIS

The Potomac Yard Metro station opened Friday in Alexandria, concluding a decades-long quest to add a rail link to an area local leaders hope will draw environmentally sound, tech-oriented and transit-focused development.

The new stop on the Blue and Yellow lines is Metro's 98th station, located between the Reagan National Airport and Braddock Road stations. New bus routes are set to open through the weekend to link the station to other parts of Alexandria and the region.

The station marks the latest step in Metro's efforts to move beyond a train shortage and a pandemic that has shifted commuter patterns while reducing transit demand. It's the seventh Metro station to open in recent months, following six new Silver Line stations that expanded Metro's footprint deep into Northern Virginia.

Unlike those recent additions, Potomac Yard is the first station to open between two existing stations since NoMa-Gallaudet U in 2004.

The "Potomac Yard-VT" station will serve a Virginia Tech graduate campus under construc-

SEE **STATION** ON **B4**

TOP: Riders on the platform of the new Potomac Yard-VT station in Alexandria. ABOVE: Metro gave out souvenirs to mark the station's long-delayed opening.

5 shootings in Md. and D.C. over 1½ hours

18-YEAR-OLD KILLED AT WHEATON METRO

In all, violence leaves 2 dead and 4 wounded

BY DAN MORSE, PETER HERMANN AND SALVADOR RIZZO

An 18-year-old was fatally shot on a rush-hour Metro platform in Montgomery County on Thursday evening as residents and leaders in the area wrestle with the latest spate of gun violence among teenagers and young adults.

"It goes, I think, to the lawlessness of these guys these days," said Montgomery Police Chief Marcus Jones. "This case and what you see in D.C. and Prince George's are sad. These guys have no regard for human life."

Over a 1½-hour stretch, five shootings in the three jurisdictions wounded or killed six people. The victims included a 14-year-old girl who was shot outside an apartment complex in the Riverside area of Prince George's. She remained hospitalized in critical condition Friday. That county's police chief, echoing Jones, lamented how quickly people are to resolve disputes with gunfire.

"We're past the point of things getting out of hand," Prince George's County Police Chief Malik Aziz said.

Violent crime totals in Prince George's are essentially unchanged this year compared with the same period a year ago,

SEE **SHOOTINGS** ON **B4**

Officer gets 16 months for hiding $1.3 million

Former Prince George's lieutenant evaded taxes 'out of greed,' U.S. says

BY JASMINE HILTON

A former Prince George's County police lieutenant who ran a private security company that employed some of his colleagues has been sentenced to 16 months in federal prison after pleading guilty to tax evasion and hiding more than $1.3 million in income from the U.S. government over six years. The government accused Edward "Scott" Finn of greed and excess, saying he used some of the money to pay for more than 200 guns, a $125,000 Corvette and other parts of his lavish lifestyle.

"He did not commit this crime out of personal desperation. He committed these crimes out of greed — so he could afford a six-bedroom home, on four acres of land, with a five-car garage, built-in pool, with numerous motorcycles and motor vehicles," prosecutors said in a sentencing memo in which they had requested he serve 30 months in prison.

Finn, 48, of Dunkirk, Md., was also sentenced to two years of supervised release and must pay restitution of $367,765 in unpaid taxes, according to the U.S. attorney's office in Maryland. The sentencing is the latest turn in the career of the 25-year veteran of the Prince George's County Police Department, whose tenure carried both accolades and allegations of misconduct.

In the latest case, prosecutors said that when federal agents

SEE **OFFICER** ON **B3**

Man says he carries rifle near school bus stops to protest, not intimidate

BY ELLIE SILVERMAN, NICOLE ASBURY, TIMOTHY BELLA AND OVETTA WIGGINS

The man stood in a red Make America Great Again baseball cap pointing his AR-15-style semiautomatic rifle toward the sidewalk.

An elementary school student ran home crying. Parents were terrified. Neighbors called the police. While he had not explicitly threatened people in this suburban neighborhood, just the sight of him walking near school bus stops was enough for the nearby elementary school in Anne Arundel County to delay bus drop-off this week.

"The presence of someone with a weapon at or near a bus stop raises fear and anxiety for students and parents, especially in a day and age where we've had a number of school shootings across our country," said Bob Mosier, the spokesman for the school district of more than 83,000 students.

The man, J'Den McAdory, said in an interview with The Washington Post that he is protesting recent state legislation regarding guns by open carrying his weapon around the neighborhood and that he was not singling out school bus stops. Although it crossed his mind that children — who have grown up practicing active shooter drills and who know that others just like them have been killed by men with big guns — may be scared by the sight of him, he thought he could soothe their fears by simply waving.

"I have remorse because the kids, you know, they were afraid. I have the remorse for that just because they're still children," said McAdory, who lives less than two miles from the local elementary school of about 500 students. "But I'm not saying what I'm doing is wrong either."

Carrying his AR-15-style rifle along neighborhood sidewalks is legal, even in a state with some of the toughest gun laws in the country. According to gun-control advocates and state lawmakers, it will remain legal under the new laws that McAdory is protesting. Gov. Wes Moore (D) signed new gun-control legislation this week, and the National Rifle Association mounted a legal challenge in federal court.

McAdory, who lives with his parents in Severn and is 20, said he has been taking these walks with a long gun since February, but tensions reached a peak this past week. An Anne Arundel police spokesperson said in a statement that the department has received "numerous" calls about "an armed subject in a

SEE **BUS STOPS** ON **B3**

Two dozen police calls tied to Virginia suspect

Man charged in assault of Connolly staffers has a record in Fairfax

BY OLIVIA DIAZ

Fairfax County police received 25 calls for service in less than two years to the house of a man who was charged with attacking two staffers of Rep. Gerald E. Connolly (D-Va.) with a baseball bat earlier this week, according to newly released records.

The records, released in response to a Washington Post Freedom of Information request, do not detail precisely what each call was about, who made them or how Xuan Kha Tran Pham's residence was connected. Fairfax County police did not answer a reporter's questions Friday about whether the calls were about the suspect in particular, whether there were multiple calls stemming from a single incident, or what police did in response.

The 25 calls spanned from January 2022 to May 2023, not including one the day after Pham was arrested over the attack. A code indicating the nature of a call was redacted in 16 instances, which a county official said was done because the information was "personal and medical in nature." When asked about the calls, Lt. Jim Curry said Friday that the department was in the process of answering The Post's request, adding that the department was giving "the information the time and attention it deserves."

Pham, 49, faces a federal charge of assault on a federal employee and two state charges of aggravated malicious wound-

SEE **CONNOLLY** ON **B6**

RELIGION

What is Christian nationalism anyway?

BY BOB SMIETANA

Julie Green had good news when she stood up to speak during the latest stop of the ReAwaken America Tour this month at the Trump National Hotel Doral near Miami. God had told her that Joe Biden was on his way out, she said, according to videos of the event. And God's people were going to win.

"We are in the greatest battle for the soul of the nation this nation has ever been in since the founding of this nation," said Green, an Iowa pastor known as a charismatic prophet and fervent supporter of former president Donald Trump. God's people, as her theology makes clear, are her fellow Christians. And they would win, she added, because they would not give up: "You are not quitting on what is rightfully yours," Green told the audience.

Her comments captured an essential element of Christian nationalism: the idea that America belongs to and exists for the benefit of Christians. Her fellow ReAwaken America Tour speakers — Michael Flynn, Roger Stone, Eric Trump and MyPillow chief executive Mike Lindell, alongside some other pastors and prophets — are some of the loudest and best-known proponents of the ideology, which helped fuel Trump to the White House and has made national headlines since the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot.

But its ubiquity, and the charge it carries in the current political debate, has made Christian nationalism a seemingly infinitely malleable term, one directed at times at anyone who supports Trump or any part of his agenda, and adopted by some who call themselves Christian and take patriotic pride in their country.

As a result, few people actually understand what Christian nationalism is, said University of Oklahoma sociology professor Samuel Perry, who is an author with Andrew Whitehead of "Taking America Back for God: Christian Nationalism in the United States." That does not stop anyone from having an opinion about Christian nationalism, Perry said. "Either they are very much for it or they are very much against it."

Perry argues that Christian nationalism is not a synonym for evangelical Christians. And not everyone who "votes their values," which is a term often used by politically active conservative Christians, qualifies as a Christian nationalist. Nor do people who want religion to play a part in public life, he said.

Perry and Whitehead have defined Christian nationalism this way: "a cultural framework that

JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

Christian nationalism is a malleable term directed at times at anyone who supports Donald Trump, and adopted by some who call themselves Christian and take patriotic pride in the country. Above, a man holds a Bible outside the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

blurs distinctions between Christian identity and American identity, viewing the two as closely related and seeking to enhance and preserve their union."

In an interview, Perry contrasted that view with "civil religion," such as when the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. invoked the promises of the Declaration of Independence or President Barack Obama led a grieving congregation in singing "Amazing Grace." These moments combined spiritual ideas and political moments.

By contrast Christian nationalism, Perry said, is more about who should be in charge. "The difference between Christian nationalism and civil religion is Christian nationalism says this country was founded by our people for a people like us and it should stay that way," he said.

To see how many people subscribed to this idea, Perry and Whitehead looked at data developed for the 2017 Baylor Religion Survey, which asked Americans to respond to statements such as "the federal government should declare the United States a Christian nation" and "the federal government should advocate Christian values." The Baylor University researchers also asked about prayer in school and the separation of church and state.

In an interview, Perry said some of the Baylor Religion Survey questions were a starting point, but the answers they yielded were too vague. He and Whitehead, along with other researchers, have fielded several national surveys in the past two years that Perry said have helped differentiate Christian nationalism from other adjacent beliefs.

In 2022, a poll by the Pew Research Center found that 60 percent of Americans surveyed agreed the founders intended the country to be a Christian nation, and 45 percent agreed the United States should be a Christian nation. But even among those who said the country should be a Christian nation, just 28 percent said the country should be declared a Christian nation and 24 percent said it should advocate for Christian values. About a third surveyed said the government should stop enforcing the separation of church and state.

A recent survey from the Public Religion Research Institute found that 10 percent of Americans embrace Christian nationalism, while an additional 19 percent are sympathetic to its ideals. Paul Djupe, a political scientist at Denison University and one of the authors of an upcoming book called "The Full Armor of God," recently retested some of the Baylor Religion Survey questions with some modifications.

Djupe wanted to know, for example, what people meant by America being a Christian nation and what it means to promote Christian values. Does the latter mean promoting a more just society or one that sees everyone as made in God's image? Does it mean values like loving your neighbor? Or does it mean enforcing Christian views over other views?

When Djupe modified the survey statement "the federal government should advocate Christian values" to add "for the benefit of Christians," he found there was little decline in support for that new statement, leading him to suspect that those who support that statement had a more exclusive view of those values.

His survey also asked people to respond to the statement "the Church should have a final say over whether legislation becomes law in the United States." Those who supported such a veto correlated highly with those who scored high on the Christian nationalist scale from Baylor. Djupe found enduring support for a doctrine known as the "Seven Mountains Mandate," which claims Christians should rule in seven sectors: home, religion, schools, business, media, entertainment and government.

The idea was popularized by leaders such as Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade, a prominent evangelical campus ministry now known as Cru, and Loren Cunningham, the longtime leader of Youth with a Mission, whose "seven spheres of influence" echoed the seven mountains. It was later adopted by charismatic leaders such as Lance Wallnau, known for his prophecies that Trump was God's anointed. "It is like king of the mountain, only with much higher stakes," Djupe said.

Matthew Taylor, a Protestant scholar at the Institute for Islamic-Christian-Jewish Studies in Maryland, said the idea of dominion over all areas of life is central to what he refers to as Christian supremacy, a term he prefers to Christian nationalism.

Christian supremacy, he said, is more about Christians ruling over others. Taylor, creator of the "Charismatic Revival Fury" podcast series, which looks at the role charismatic Christian beliefs played on Jan. 6, pointed to prophets such as Green, who supported Trump because God told them whom he wanted to be president. "That is deeply antidemocratic," he said. "You can say, God has appointed this person. But that is not how democracy works."

Taylor said existing research into Christian nationalism is concerned with beliefs about the history and identity of the United States, but it misses the idea that "Christians should be privileged in society and should exert a coercive effect on society." He said, "I think a lot of times people are trying to say, 'America was founded with Christian values and these things are embedded within the essence of America.' But it does not say much about policy."

Sarah Posner, a journalist and the author of "Unholy: Why White Evangelicals Worship at the Altar of Donald Trump," recalled seeing Christian nationalist themes in 2011, at the Response, a God and country prayer rally organized by 2012 presidential candidate Rick Perry. "It was definitely 'we need to take back America,'" she said.

But before the Trump era, that meant using democratic means. Since 2020, Posner said, the focus has been on rejecting the results of elections. "Before Trump, no one had permission to stage a coup." She said the arguments over specific definitions of Christian nationalism can overshadow the main focus of the movement, which is power. "Christian nationalism is not a pejorative. It is a description," she said. "They have said America is a Christian nation. How much clearer do they have to be?"

Julie Ingersoll, a professor of religious studies and author of "Building God's Kingdom: Inside the World of Christian Reconstruction," pointed out that Christian nationalists do not necessarily share a single theology. Influential religious figures like R.J. Rushdoony and other conservative social and political activists known as "reconstructionists" have long believed that Christians should have dominion over the world. But their theology is different from that of charismatics like Green.

"It is fluid and messy," Ingersoll said. "People want to make it neat and clean and divide these groups up and put them into little boxes with labels on them. Because that is more comfortable." But she said religious differences between Christian nationalism and the broader evangelical movement are less important because, she argues, both are as much political as they are theological.

Still, Ingersoll stresses that when Christian nationalists say their candidate or party was chosen by God to win, they really mean it. And they may not be willing to let democracy get in the way of God's will. "The niceties of democracy fall by the wayside when you are on God's side fighting Satan," she said.

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Tour organizers draw Latino faith leaders to summit on Christian nationalism

BY ALEJANDRA MOLINA

The ReAwaken America tour, a traveling roadshow featuring self-declared Christian nationalists, rolled into Miami last weekend, bringing some 50 speakers uniformly declaring the inevitability or necessity of a second term for former president Donald Trump. Others made more arcane promises, such as conservative podcaster Stacy Whited's forecast of an imminent "transference of wealth from the wicked to the righteous" that would make those in the audience rich.

ReAwaken America events have been a hub for election deniers, conspiracy theorists and those who discuss immigration as a plot to "replace us" — "us" being, by implication, White evangelical Christians.

On this score, Miami may appear to be an odd choice for the tour's organizers: More than half of the city's residents were born outside the United States and more than 70 percent are Latino. Yet there is evidence that white supremacy and Christian nationalism have made their way into the Latino community in the United States, including among the most violent fringe of those movements.

The shooter who killed eight people at a mall in Allen, Tex., was identified as Mauricio Garcia, a Latino man whose online activity showed an interest in white supremacy.

Journalists found that Garcia posted photos of Nazi tattoos on his arm and torso, including a large Nazi hooked cross and the SS lightning bolt logo of Adolf Hitler's paramilitary forces. He also made references encouraging violence against women, celebrating rape and using vocabulary of the male supremacist incel, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Another prominent Latino linked to far-right groups is Enrique Tarrio, who is Afro-Cuban, and the former leader of the paramilitary group the Proud Boys who was found guilty this month of seditious conspiracy for his role in the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

But these examples should not come as surprises, according to Brian Levin, director of the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University, San Bernardino, who said that the spread of xenophobic prejudice and bigotry online has helped make intolerance "transnational and transethnic."

"Misogyny, a fascination with fascism, weapon fetishization are things that, I think, define aggressive masculinity. That cuts across a variety of ethnicities and subcultures," Levin said.

Levin also said that Latino Americans can be drawn to mainstream conservative ideas about the value of hard work and so-called family values and can come into contact with groups online that may lead them down a rabbit hole "where the direction and the depth and the acceptability of aggression become more fixed."

The increasing numbers of Latinos joining Pentecostal or other evangelical churches mean that they increasingly hear messages from prosperity-gospel preachers, including those who believe Trump was ordained by God to be president.

In 2020 the Trump reelection campaign launched "Evangelicals for Trump" with a visit to El Rey Jesus Global, a Latino megachurch in Miami led by pastor Guillermo Maldonado. El Rey is

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Ex-Proud Boys leader Enrique Tarrio speaks at a rally in Portland, Ore. Tarrio was the Florida state director of Latinos for Trump and is from Miami, where ReAwaken America held a summit last week.

part of the Word of Faith network, a subset of the Pentecostal movement that espouses a form of the prosperity gospel.

In his 2020 book, "Prosperity Gospel Latinos and Their American Dream," sociologist and Presbyterian minister Tony Tian-Ren Lin said the prosperity gospel "shows immigrants how they may thrive in a late-capitalist society."

"The pursuit of Prosperity Gospel holiness is equivalent to the pursuit of the American dream," he writes.

The Rev. Elizabeth Rios, who has served as a pastor of a Pentecostal church in Florida, said she has seen Latinos embrace Christian nationalist ideas. "They do think that the U.S. has a special relationship with God, and that it's supposed to be a Christian country," she said.

"These immigrant groups have gone from being newcomers to kind of established. They have now had some access to privileges that are associated with whiteness," she said.

Rios, who started an online and "justice-oriented" faith-based community in Florida, said its crucial for local churches to address Christian nationalism. The church, she said, is where Latinos get their spiritual sustenance and their identity. "It's the church that can disciple people out of Christian nationalism."

The Rev. Carlos L. Malavé, president of the Latino Christian National Network, said that white Christian nationalism has "infiltrated" many Latino Christians "in such a powerful way that they are not even aware of the position they are supporting."

Some are aware, he said, and unabashed in "supporting some of the tenets of this ideology."

Malavé's organization is planning a summit in September to discuss how far-right ideas are popping up in Latino Christian spaces, particularly in evangelical and Pentecostal houses of worship. The gathering will be at Candler School of Theology in Atlanta and will be limited to about 60 key Latino Christian leaders from across the country.

A new survey of 6,212 Americans by the Public Religion Research Institute and the Brookings Institution found that Americans who are supportive of Christian nationalism generally hold less favorable views of immigrants, racial and ethnic minorities, and are more likely to hold negative views of Muslims and Jews.

About 65 percent of White Christian nationalism sympathizers and adherents disagree that white supremacy is still a major problem in the United States, nearly twice as high as Americans overall in the survey. Additionally, 66 percent of white Christian nationalism sympathizers and 81 percent of adherents believe in replacement theory, the view that immigrants are invading the United States to replace the country's current culture.

Meanwhile, the report revealed that fewer than a third of Americans, or 29 percent, qualify as Christian nationalists, and of those, two-thirds define themselves as white evangelicals.

Support for Christian nationalism is significantly smaller among Asian American, mixed race, Black and Hispanic Protestants, but that shifts among those who identify as evangelical. White (29 percent), Hispanic (25 percent) and Black (20 percent) Christians who describe themselves as evangelical are each about five times as likely to be adherents of Christian nationalism as those of the same racial or ethnic groups who are Christian but not evangelical.

The Latino Christian National Network is made up of leaders of Latino ministries and denominations, including mainline Christians, evangelicals and Pentecostals, according to Malavé. It was formed, he said, with an awareness that progressive and conservative faith communities alike "could easily be manipulated and divided."

Malavé said the September summit will "look at the anti-immigrant nature of Christian nationalism" and explore colonialism in Latin America and its relationship with Christian nationalism.

Others see it differently.

Tony Suarez, the chief operating officer of the evangelical National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference, said there are "extreme ideologies that are masquerading under the guise of Christian nationalism that are dangerous."

But what is not dangerous, Suarez said, is "the concept of being extremely devoted to one's faith and one's country."

Suarez said Christian nationalism is a derogatory label directed toward evangelicals like him who stand against transgender rights, who believe marriage is between a man and a woman and who are "pro-life, from the womb to the tomb."

"I would hope that they have some evangelicals and some people that are pro-biblical marriage, pro-life, that are at the table engaging in the conversation," he said of the summit. "Otherwise, it's not a true reflection of the entire Christian Latino community."

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Bowser selects MPD's second-in-command to be interim police chief

BY PETER HERMANN, EMILY DAVIES AND MICHAEL BRICE-SADDLER

Ashan M. Benedict, the D.C. police department's second-in-command, will serve as interim police chief after the announcement that Robert J. Contee III plans to retire, Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) announced Friday.

Benedict, whom Contee hired from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in April 2021 to serve as the department's executive assistant police chief, said in a brief interview Friday that he is honored to assume the interim position. But he said he is not interested in having the top job permanently.

Contee will officially retire June 3. His last day in the office is May 26; officials said Benedict will assume command officially on Wednesday.

Bowser has said she is conducting a national search to replace Contee, a 34-year veteran who became chief in January 2021 and is leaving to join the FBI.

Bowser said Friday that she had completed a "first review" of people interested in becoming the next permanent police chief and that a "good number" of people had applied. She did not name any prospective applicants.

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Ashan M. Benedict, front, executive assistant police chief, will fill in for Robert J. Contee III, who will retire June 3. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser will conduct a national search for Contee's replacement.

She said she had not yet set up dates for interviews but was hoping to name the replacement "as soon as possible." Asked about whether she would prefer a candidate from D.C., Bowser said, "while you don't have to be from Washington, D.C., you better know it darn well."

D.C. Council Chairman Phil Mendelson (D) said in an interview Friday that the mayor should choose the next chief from within the police department.

He said he is "very disappointed" Contee is leaving, adding: "We need a chief here longer than a couple of years. . . . I think we need stability. We need someone who is committed to the long haul."

Mendelson said he has not been briefed on the mayor's search.

Contee, who appeared with Bowser and Benedict at a news conference Friday, described Benedict as an "excellent choice" and promised that the transition would be "seamless." He praised Benedict for his "even temperament" and background working with ATF, saying his experience helps the department's partnerships with federal agencies.

As executive assistant chief, Benedict largely remained behind the scenes, managing the day-to-day operations of the department, though he appeared at news conferences for high-profile crimes and shootings involving police when Contee was away.

Before joining the D.C. police, Benedict served in several positions with ATF, including special agent in charge of the D.C. field division. He was involved in some of the region's highest-profile cases.

He served as ATF's incident commander during the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the Capitol, and he was involved in the law enforcement response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack at the Pentagon and the investigation into the Capital Beltway snipers, whose rampage in 2002 left 10 dead and three injured in shootings across the region.

Benedict joined ATF in 1998 and was assigned to a drug-trafficking task force in the D.C. region. He graduated from Fordham University with a bachelor's degree in accounting and from Syracuse University with a master's in international relations.

He lives with his wife and three children in D.C. He said he has lived in the city for 25 years.

Tax evasion funded officer's rich lifestyle, prosecutors say

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arrived to execute a search warrant at his home in April 2021, Finn wiped his phone clean by erasing data and resetting the cellphone before law enforcement entered his front door.

"Despite Finn's position of trust as an officer of the law, he lied and stole from the government. He used his Secondary Law Enforcement Employment (SLEE) to propel his greed," Special Agent in Charge Thomas J. Sobocinski of the FBI field office in Baltimore said in a news release this week.

From 2014 to 2021, Finn used his security company Edward Finn Inc. (EFI) to hire fellow Prince George's County police officers, while they were off duty, to work as security guards at apartment complexes and other businesses in Prince George's and Montgomery counties, according to prosecutors. Secondary law enforcement employment is permitted within the department, allowing officers to work both part-time outside employment and full time with the department, prosecutors said.

Finn underreported more than $1.3 million of income from EFI on his individual income tax returns from 2014 through 2019, prosecutors said. According to his plea agreement, he admitted to "creating false business expenses to lower his tax due and owing by writing checks to family members and friends."

He also used his business funds to purchase motorcycles, rental properties and a pontoon boat in addition to the guns and Chevrolet convertible, according to court documents.

Finn deposited $974,000 worth of checks payable to his security business into personal accounts as part of the scheme over the years, prosecutors said.

"It was a scheme requiring countless, focused action — day after day, week after week, month after month, and year after year — to conceal or misrepresent $1.3 million in unreported income," prosecutors wrote.

Attorneys for Finn did not respond to requests for comment this week and sentencing memos from his attorneys appear to be sealed. The county police department declined to comment. Before his arrest, the police department said Finn had been suspended with pay for an unrelated "personnel" issue the previous month. The department did not disclose the nature of the suspension and has previously said Finn had "separated" from the department, but it did not specify whether he resigned, retired or was fired.

The government sentencing memo described Finn as someone who abused his law enforcement powers.

Based on emails between Finn and property management companies contracting with his security business, prosecutors alleged in court documents that companies that contracted with EFI were provided "priority access" to department law enforcement and resources because Finn held a supervisory position, "demonstrating his ability to direct — and redirect — Department resources to benefit EFI clients."

Prosecutors also said they found messages from Finn that reflected a "failure to faithfully discharge his duties," including texts in a group chat that said, "The car involved in the 7-11 robberies went right past me last night and I never moved" ... "Great feeling."

On the morning of April 22, 2021, FBI agents arrived in an armored personnel vehicle and got no response after announcing their presence and making two calls to Finn's Apple iPhone, according to court documents. Law enforcement then activated sirens and "threw a flash bang grenade at the front" of Finn's home, prosecutors said. Finn opened the door a minute later and was taken into custody.

Law enforcement found Finn's iPhone in the master bedroom,

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While working for the Prince George's County Police Department, Edward "Scott" Finn also ran a private security company.

and through a "forensic analysis," discovered a file named ".obliterated," which is a file that is created whenever an iPhone is wiped or reset," prosecutors said. The timestamp of the file indicated a reset to the phone occurred minutes before Finn opened the door to SWAT officers.

Finn was subsequently indicted on counts of tax evasion and obstruction of justice. Though he only pleaded guilty to federal tax evasion, prosecutors argued in court documents that Finn failed to completely disclose financial assets to the probation department, including information about property, vehicles and another business.

Prosecutors also said Finn applied for and received a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan "that he did not use, and that he did not need" for EFI. According to court documents, Finn's defense counsel provided documentation that the PPP loan was repaid.

After Finn was arrested, 14 other Prince George's County police officers were indicted on charges of misconduct in office and felony and misdemeanor theft scheme. They were accused of "double dipping" by working private security shifts while on duty at the department. The charges were later dropped by the Prince George's County state's attorney's office. All of the officers had been accused of working for Finn's company, according to two people with knowledge of the investigation who at the time spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the ongoing probe.

Finn was awarded the Prince George's County Police Department's medal of valor three times. In the early 2000s, The Washington Post documented Finn being accused of lying and using excessive force, which he was cleared of. Finn was also exonerated for his role in the death of Elmer C. Newman Jr., a 29-year-old who collapsed and died in a holding cell after he was detained.

"Law enforcement officers are not above the law and we will hold them accountable — as we would anyone — for their criminal actions," Erek L. Barron, the U.S. attorney for Maryland, said in a news release announcing Finn's sentence.

Katie Mettler and Paul Duggan contributed to this report.

Man open carries rifle in Md., frightening neighbors

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residential community." The local elementary school's principal warned people to steer clear of McAdory but lamented that there was nothing authorities could do. He wasn't doing anything illegal, the principal wrote to families and staff. Police said he is a legal gun owner. It was his constitutional right to open carry a semiautomatic rifle.

Although officials said they do not believe this man has any intent to cause harm, the principal wrote that parents should increase their presence at bus stops, students should not engage with him, everyone should report any interactions with him to the school or police, and school counselors were available for any child who needs to talk about their feelings.

"He's made clear to me and others that he wants to change the stigma of people carrying guns in public," Mosier said. "I encouraged him to try to understand that while that may be his goal, that's not the impact he was having on children attending our schools and parents of those children."

Gun rights activists have been emboldened by a Supreme Court decision in June that expanded the Second Amendment's reach, sending state lawmakers to try to expand or restrict when, where and how people can own and carry firearms. New rules in Maryland that take effect in October restrict where people can carry their guns, expanding the list of "sensitive places" where firearms are prohibited, such as schools, day-care facilities and hospitals.

Sen. Jeff Waldstreicher (D-Montgomery), who sponsored one of Maryland's new laws, said McAdory was demonstrating a "completely inappropriate form of protest" — a point echoed by Moore's press secretary, Carter Elliott, in a statement calling for partnership "to stem the tide of gun violence and create safer, stronger communities . . . not shallow acts of cowardice and intimidation."

When asked if there were aspects of this kind of protest he did not think through ahead of time, McAdory replied: "Everything I did was thought through and calculated." He later added: "I was telling my dad before all this stuff, I was, like, 'Positive and negative feedback would be a good thing on this type of thing.' . . . It creates conversation about it."

McAdory said he is trying to figure out what he wants to do with his life. He grew up in the area, graduating from Old Mill Senior High School in Millersville in 2020, juggles two jobs as a produce worker and driver for DoorDash, and is thinking of enlisting in the Army this summer. McAdory, who likes to hunt, can't yet purchase alcohol but said that when he turned 18, he bought his first gun — the same one he displayed as he started walking around his neighborhood in February. Recently, he said, he bought the AR-15-style rifle that he now carries for about $500 when he went to a local gun store and learned of "a cheap AR deal going."

"I was telling my dad before all this stuff, I was like, 'Positive and negative feedback would be a good thing on this type of thing.' . . . It creates conversation about it."

J'Den McAdory, who open carries an AR-15-style rifle

On Thursday, Anne Arundel County Attorney Gregory J. Swain warned in a letter to McAdory that his conduct could lead to criminal charges including assault, stalking, harassment, disturbing the peace and obstruction of school administration, according to a copy of the letter McAdory provided to The Post.

From now on, McAdory said, he won't be taking his near-daily walks around the times children are going to school or coming home in the afternoon. He tells himself that if he continues walking, just outside of those hours, and shows he is nonviolent, people will eventually be less afraid

"I was walking home and a girl literally just took off running," McAdory said. "I'm definitely sorry for putting any type of fear in their lives or the children's lives. That's what I'm not trying to do."

But that was exactly what happened, according to interviews with a mother of an elementary school student, the Severn Elementary PTA Board, local police and a spokesman for the school district.

On Monday, one Severn Elementary School parent who lives in the neighborhood was walking her dog with her mother at 10:30 a.m. on New Disney Road when they spotted a man walking calmly with a rifle on his shoulder.

They both stopped and immediately turned around, said the mother, who has a 7-year-old boy at the school and spoke on the condition of anonymity because of safety concerns. She called the police and was told he was within his legal rights. The mother said the anxiety of many parents mounted when, later that day, her son's bus did not come, she said, and parents received an alert summoning them to collect their children from the school, citing an ongoing incident.

McAdory's presence in the neighborhood, near a playground and dog parks where people watch their pets and children play, has led some people to stay inside, she said. Reddit posts written by McAdory talking about forming "a militia" and a "tight brother hood" have circulated among parents as people question his motives.

McAdory said he had turned to Reddit to try to find people who may want to join him on his walks around the neighborhood. After all, he said, it is difficult to be a Black man who is also a Trump supporter in the blue state of Maryland. He chose the language of "militia" and "brotherhood" because they "seemed like the right words to choose."

"I'm trying to have a peaceful brotherhood. I didn't say I want to have a gang, the mob," he said. "[I'm] very hopeful that people might possibly walk with me because you know, it's hard, like, it's very hard to spread awareness alone. A man running down the highway by himself looks crazy, but if 100 people were doing it, it looks like a marathon."

The recipients of his protest already are weary. In a statement to The Post, the Severn Elementary PTA Board described his presence as disruptive.

"Parents have voiced that children are nervous or scared at bus stop times and the bus delays have been inconvenient even where folks understand the need," the statement reads.

McAdory sees all of this blowback and anger. He's aware of the terror he has caused. But none of it has bothered him enough to make him stop. He says he remains convinced that if he just keeps being a good guy with a gun, things will change. So on Friday, he put on the same MAGA hat, took his AR-15-style gun out of the case on the top shelf in his bedroom closet, loaded it with a magazine, put on his headphones and went back outside.

This time, though, he wasn't alone. Word of McAdory's effort had spread to people who agreed with him, and one of them decided to join him. Walking beside McAdory up the streets and down the sidewalks, the man carried a 12-gauge shotgun.

Dan Lamothe contributed to this report.

THE DISTRICT

A breezy, comfortable day in May unveils the splendors of springtime

BY MARTIN WEIL

Fault exists everywhere, and perfection may be unattainable. With that said, it still appeared that the pleasures of Friday in Washington were almost beyond meteorological challenge and seemed to symbolize much of what we seek in a spring day.

The sun shone upon us Friday with the same intensity and duration that we recognize from late July.

But this May brightness did not require payment in the form of Washington heat and Washington humidity.

On Friday, we received the springtime benefits of extended daylight amid the 70-degree temperatures that draw complaints from few. Our high reading, 75 degrees, seemed representative of all readings in the 70s, and of the comforts we derive from them.

Spring in Washington seems a time when merely conforming to the norm confers virtue. Friday's high reading almost matched Washington's 77-degree average high for May 19, and many of us seemed unwilling to quibble about the two-degree shortfall.

It is true that Friday did not include all blue skies and fleecy white clouds of the sort familiar from picture postcards and dreams of a lost paradise.

Many gray clouds drifted above us, and near sunset seemed heaped and banked on the western horizon.

Washington is always about the public's business, and in May, we have many other preoccupations, too. Weather may affect them all. They may include, but are not limited to, preparing for graduation, looking for a first apartment, dining outdoors or loading the car to leave for the summer.

Rain may occasionally interfere with some or all, but despite the many clouds that could be seen on Friday, none brought or even threatened rain.

As of 9 p.m., there was no trace of it.

Nor was there humidity to speak of, the dew point was no concern, and nothing prompted calculation of a heat index Indeed, we did feel a breeze, enough to cause branches to nod and sway, but there was certainly no wind chill.

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Alexandria leaders hope station draws green development

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tion, nearby townhouse communities and a sprawling retail complex that local officials say will be transformed in coming years. The station doesn't have parking.

Arriving at the glass-roofed platform about 8 a.m. Friday, Angelo Signoracci said his trip from D.C's Shaw neighborhood to his job as a researcher at the Institute for Defense Analyses next to the new station was slashed by more than half, to about 20 minutes, in an epically smooth commute.

After hitting green lights on a short walk, he stepped onto the train as the doors were about to close. "I couldn't do any better," Signoracci said.

He had been tracking the project's construction, and with his Metro and bus commute stretching beyond an hour during recent work on the Yellow Line, Signoracci had doubts about whether the station would open on time. Workers were still affixing glass panels at a main exit Thursday night, he said.

In the end, "it was great," Signoracci said. "I don't have a car. It's my way of getting around. … It makes living in D.C. much more convenient."

After watching the project stall for years, Alexandria Mayor Justin M. Wilson (D) said he was among six city mayors who had a hand in bringing the Potomac Yard station to life.

When he and his wife bought a house nearby, the developer handed them a flier saying the Metro station was coming soon. That was 22 years ago. By 2008, Wilson and K. Robert Krupicka Jr., both members of the city council, were helping to revive the project by tying expansion of future private development to funding for the station.

City officials said special taxes on nearby companies that benefit from proximity to Metro ultimately were a key source of funding for the $370 million project.

"It's our biggest economic development initiative. It's our biggest transportation initiative. It's our biggest climate initiative. It checks a lot of boxes for us," Wilson said. "This is a long, long time coming for the community. Candidly, there's a lot of people who never thought it was actually going to happen."

Barbara Deathe, a paralegal for a D.C. law firm who lives a half-mile from Potomac Yard, said Friday morning that the station has been a topic of discussion for more than two decades in her neighborhood. She expected to save 15 to 20 minutes on her morning commute into Washington, which used to include an express bus to Crystal City.

"I've been waiting 23 years for this," she said. "It's great. It's so easy now."

Before the station opened, Metro dealt with cost overruns, delays and three years of construction. The initial planned opening in April 2022 was pushed to that summer; then Metro announced that the station's automatic train control system needed to be redesigned. A planned fall 2022 opening was postponed after crews ran into problems with soil and other issues.

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Officials from Metro and local governments cheer after cutting a ribbon to open the Potomac Yard station in Alexandria. It's the seventh new Metro station to open in recent months.

Part of the delay stemmed from pandemic-related issues, including a labor shortage and supply chain problems. The project also had a complex permitting process that involved the National Park Service, the freight railroad CSX, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a special architectural review because it lies in a historic district.

The station was built by Potomac Yard Constructors, a joint venture of Halmar International and Schiavone Construction Co. It is expected to generate billions of dollars in new private-sector investment and support 26,000 new jobs and 13,000 new residents, Metro said.

Regional, state and federal officials celebrated the station Friday morning. At a ceremony also attended by Virginia Tech's orange and maroon HokieBird mascot, Sen. Mark R. Warner (D-Va.) recalled discussion in 1991 of building a National Football League stadium and Metro stop at Potomac Yard. A decade later, he was elected governor and visited the site, hearing at the time that the station was on its way. Twenty-two years later, it's done.

"As a proud Alexandrian, I've got to tell you this is great, great news, not just for the city, not just for Northern Virginia, not just for the commonwealth, but for the whole DMV," he said.

Added Phyllis J. Randall, chair of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and Loudoun County's Board of Supervisors, "This project will improve the quality of life for tens of thousands of people."

Transportation researchers point to high costs and long delays in building U.S. transit projects, and they say these limit the reach of public transportation even as many policymakers call for more transit options to reduce emissions that worsen climate change.

Paul C. Smedberg, chairman of Metro's board and a former member of Alexandria's City Council, acknowledged the project's protracted timeline but said regional and national officials must keep pushing transit-oriented development to meet economic and climate goals.

"I mean, it did take a while," Smedberg said. It took time to draw the needed financing, including securing low-interest bonds from the state and bringing in taxes from nearby development to fund construction, he said. That path "made the most financial sense for us."

Asked how transit can expand across the country, given the type of high costs and long waits seen with Potomac Yard, Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) said such work is worth doing despite the challenges.

"These are not easy projects. The financing isn't easy. The local land-use politics isn't easy. And the construction isn't easy," Kaine said, citing the Silver Line extension to Dulles International Airport, which faced delays and cost overruns, as another example. "Just stick with it and make it happen."

Riders on Friday already were beginning to absorb the new infrastructure into their lives. Katrina and Don Kluzik stepped off a train at Potomac Yard, took a selfie, then hugged.

"It's a great birthday present, because today's my birthday!" Katrina Kluzik said.

Kluzik, who is on a restricted diet, said the station makes it easier for the car-free couple from Huntington to buy produce from an organic market 20 minutes from the station.

They have been walking on nearby paths for years, watching buildings go up near the site of the future Metro stop. But tracking the fate of the project for nearly two decades involved so many swings — "Yeah! No. Yeah! No. Yeah! No," Kluzik said — that she prepared herself for the disappointment of one more delay on her birthday.

That emotional groundwork proved unnecessary, leaving her beaming. She added: "It's about time."

D.C. and Md. shootings leave 2 dead and 4 injured as officials confront violence

SHOOTINGS FROM B1

according the police department's statistics. Homicides are down (27 compared with 35), while nonfatal shootings are up (104 compared with 98).

In the District, the shooting of 47-year-old Leonard Carter in the Edgewood community brought the number of homicides in D.C. this year to 85, a 10 percent increase from this time last year.

"I said very plainly I'm not satisfied with it, and I want our whole system to be working urgently to drive those crimes down," D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) said Friday during an appearance on "The Politics Hour" with Kojo Nnamdi.

The incidents began at 5:20 p.m., when assailants drove into a 7-Eleven parking lot along New Hampshire Avenue, about one mile south of the Capital Beltway, officials said. They fired at two men sitting in the parking lot and drove off. One of the victims was taken to a hospital in serious condition and the other received non-life-threatening injuries, according to a police spokesman.

Some 18 minutes later, gunfire that hit the 14-year-old girl erupted five miles away in Prince George's County. Aziz said it appears that multiple guns were fired through vehicles parked outside a building.

Back in Montgomery County, at 5:53 p.m., an altercation broke out between two groups on an escalator at the Wheaton Metro station. It intensified, leading to the shooting of 18-year-old Tenneson Vaughn Leslie Jr. on the platform. He was taken to a hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Responding police searched surrounding areas for assailants who got away.

"It's jarring and understandably heightens everyone's concerns over public safety," Montgomery County Council member Gabe Albornoz (D-At Large) said of the Wheaton shooting. "It was in a very public place. It was during the day. It was so brazen."

Twelve months ago, Albornoz said that youth violence in Montgomery was increasing to a volume he'd never seen before and called the issue "a massive problem with no easy solution."

Albornoz said the numbers have since leveled off, citing efforts by the county's Street Outreach Network, which tries to pull youths from gangs, as well as the county's post-covid restarting of recreation programs. "We continue to double-down on youth harm-reduction programs," he said. "I feel like we have a better handle on things than we did last year."

Thus far this year, Montgomery police have recorded 79 shootings, an increase from the 66 for the same period last year, Jones said. In 20 of the incidents this year, police confirmed a victim had been hit, Jones added.

Investigators are studying Metro video, Jones said. They have spoken with witnesses, but have yet to hear detailed or solid information, including what the groups were arguing about, the chief added.

Thursday evening's shootings ended with two just eight minutes apart in the District. Carter, the 47-year-old, was shot at 6:47 p.m. in the 300 block of Franklin Street NE near a recreation center and south of a college campus. Around 6:55 p.m., police said, a man was shot and critically injured at First and Q streets NW, in Truxton Circle. No other details have been released about either shooting, and no arrests were made.

So far this year, D.C. police have recorded 48 juveniles shot, compared with 24 over the same period a year ago.

The shootings added to a week that claimed six lives in D.C. since Sunday, including a 10-year-old girl riding in a vehicle and a student killed outside his school. The slayings on Mother's Day of 10-year-old Arianna Davis, a fifth-grader, and of Jefferson Perez, a 17-year-old shot Wednesday afternoon in the parking lot of the school he attended, Roosevelt High in Petworth, shocked a city already contending with growing violence.

Police have said Arianna was in a vehicle with her parents and siblings when a stray bullet from a barrage of gunfire struck her in the Mayfair community. Police said that Perez was shot during an altercation and that a firearm was recovered at the scene.

His grandmother, Sonia Ferrufino, said Friday that the family — owing to safety concerns — had migrated from El Salvador to the United States. On Friday, they were making funeral arrangements. "We're in a very rough shape," Ferrufino said.

Ferrufino hoped those responsible will be arrested soon.

"The police have to find them, because they already have clues as to who they are," she said.

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OBITUARIES

TIMOTHY KELLER, 72

Evangelical minister tended to national flock, eschewed party politics

BY EMILY LANGER

Timothy Keller, an evangelical minister who started a thriving church in New York City and cultivated a national following with a theology that separated faith from party politics and centered his vision of conservative Christianity in the hubbub of modern life, died May 19 at his home in New York. He was 72.

His death was announced in an email by Redeemer Churches and Ministries, a network of organizations established by Dr. Keller. He was diagnosed in 2020 with pancreatic cancer and had previously been treated for thyroid cancer.

Dr. Keller spent nearly three decades as pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, a congregation he founded in 1989.

Unlike the leaders of many evangelical megachurches, he did not employ Jumbotrons or pop music in his services. He adhered to traditional liturgy and music while peppering his sermons with references to Saint Augustine and ancient Greek, Flannery O'Connor and Woody Allen, J.R.R. Tolkien and "Star Wars."

His erudition proved especially attractive to young urban professionals — New York's investment bankers, lawyers, tech wizards and aspiring actors — and the congregation drew wide attention as it swelled to include 5,000 weekly worshipers.

Dr. Keller won the admiration of many evangelicals, who credited him with demonstrating their movement's potential far beyond the Bible Belt. He reached millions of readers through books including his best-selling volume "The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism" (2008), an elaboration of Christian beliefs for which he was compared to C.S. Lewis, the British lay theologian and author of "The Chronicles of Narnia."

"Like Lewis, he had a gift for avoiding any whiff of pedantry or preachiness," Molly Worthen, a professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an authority on American evangelicalism, said in an interview for this obituary. "He had a gift, as Lewis did, for … homing in on the core ideas of the Gospel and understanding the perspective of a skeptical reader, an atheist or a person who has been bruised by Christianity."

Dr. Keller belonged to the Presbyterian Church in America, a conservative Presbyterian denomination. He did not rail against sex outside marriage but rather counseled congregants that "the logic of your relationship with Christ" should move them not to engage in it. He regarded homosexuality as contrary to Scripture and adhered to complementarianism, which establishes separate roles for men and women in the church and in life and which gives men the authority to lead.

He also insisted that Christians commit themselves to racial equality, service to the needy and the rectification of a justice system that favors the rich. His combination of views — some archconservative and others more in line with liberal thinking — was consistent with his vision of Christianity but, to his frustration, often at odds with the binary world of contemporary politics.

REDEEMER CITY TO CITY

Timothy Keller was the longtime pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, where his sermons mixed conservative and liberal principles and drew thousands of young professionals.

He deplored what he described in a New Yorker commentary as the "ethical package deals that today's progressivism and conservatism seek to impose on adherents, insisting that true believers must toe the line on every one of a host of issues." He sought to separate Christian faith from political allegiance, and he became a notable outlier in the evangelical movement in recent years as it was cleaved, in his words, into "a red evangelicalism and a blue evangelicalism."

Dr. Keller occupied a position "between two worlds," Worthen said. "He had a way of allowing secular people who thought of themselves as hostile to Christianity or simply not in need of Christianity to suspend their disbelief so that they could entertain the possibility that this world he was offering, his Christian worldview, could be true."

At the same time, she said, "he was able to speak to conservative Christians who feel themselves to be alienated from multicultural America and helped them see ways to speak to that pluralism and embrace it."

Dr. Keller resisted being characterized as an "evangelical" because of the word's association with conservative politics; he preferred instead the label "orthodox" Christian. Even that, he found, came with baggage.

"Frankly, if you are an orthodox Christian in Manhattan right now, it's a social problem," he told the Atlantic magazine in 2011. "People are nervous about you, they feel like you're bigoted. And so actually right now if you are a graduate of Harvard, Yale, or Princeton, and you've got your MBA, and you're working on Wall Street, or being a downtown artist or something like that, and if you are an orthodox Christian, that's very, very subversive. It's very transgressive."

Especially after the rise of Donald Trump, Dr. Keller was an outspoken critic of the politicization of faith. As the Republican candidate for president, Trump overwhelmingly won the White evangelical vote in both his successful 2016 campaign and his failed 2020 bid for reelection. No party, Dr. Keller argued, should have a lock on the Christian vote, because no single party platform was interchangeable with Christian faith.

Dr. Keller's "third way" approach to civic engagement was challenged by evangelicals who regarded Republican candidates as by far the more reliable representatives of their most fundamental beliefs, including opposition to abortion rights. At the same time, the apolitical nature of his orthodoxy was insufficient to win the approval of many liberals, who could not abide his views on such matters as homosexuality.

But Dr. Keller held firm — chiefly, he wrote in a 2018 article in the New York Times, because allying a church with one party or another "confirms what many skeptics want to believe about religion," which is "that it is merely one more voting bloc aiming for power."

Timothy James Keller was born in Allentown, Pa., on Sept. 23, 1950. His father worked in advertising, and his mother was a homemaker.

Dr. Keller was raised in the Lutheran church, but he experienced a gradual religious conversion in college. He graduated in 1972 from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., and was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1975, the same year he received a master of divinity degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Massachusetts.

There he met his future wife, Kathy Kristy, whom he married in 1975 and who worked closely with him in his ministry. Besides his wife, survivors include three sons, Jonathan Keller, Michael Keller and David Keller; a sister; and seven grandchildren.

Dr. Keller was 24 when he was named pastor of his first congregation, West Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Hopewell, Va., a rural community south of Richmond. Over his nine years there, membership reportedly grew from 90 congregants to 300. He later taught theology at Westminster Theological Seminary in Glenside, Pa., where he received a doctor of ministry degree in 1981.

When Dr. Keller's denomination decided to dispatch a minister to New York City, several candidates turned down the assignment before Dr. Keller accepted; to them, the prospect seemed a losing venture.

At the outset, the congregation that became Redeemer Presbyterian met in a private living room. The group grew steadily and began renting increasingly larger churches and auditoriums for weekly services. The numbers surged after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and Dr. Keller picked up more worshipers amid the Great Recession later that decade.

"If you're trying to win people to Christ, if you're trying to say this world is not enough and you need faith — I hate to say it, recessions are wonderful times for that message to fall on more open people," he told the Wall Street Journal in 2014. "I wish the number of conversions and Christian growth would go along with prosperity and giving — but they usually don't."

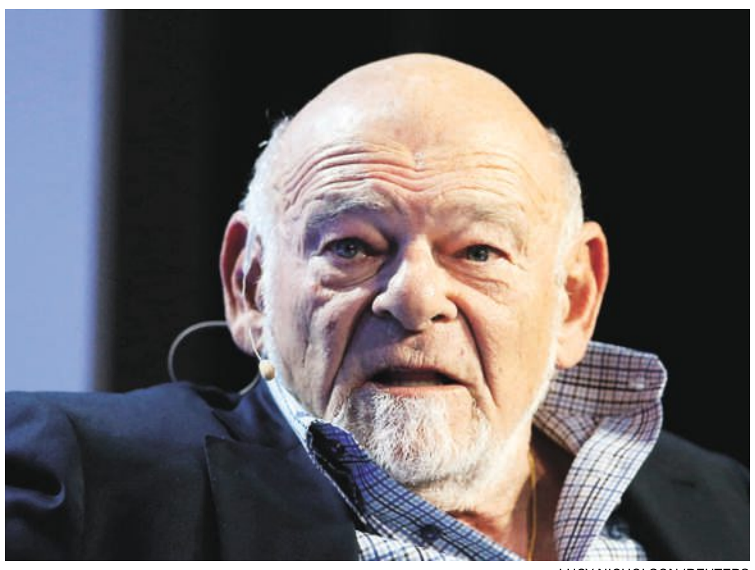
Dr. Keller retired as senior pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian in 2017. In addition to the Manhattan congregation, he founded Redeemer City to City, a nonprofit organization that seeks to start — or "plant," in the evangelical phrasing — churches in cities around the world.

He wrote more than 20 books, including the trilogy "On Birth," "On Marriage" and "On Death" (all 2020), the last of which was published shortly before he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

"Religious faith does not automatically provide solace in times of crisis," he wrote in the Atlantic after becoming ill. But "as God's reality dawns more on my heart, slowly and painfully and through many tears, the simplest pleasures of this world have become sources of daily happiness. It is only as I have become, for lack of a better term, more *heavenly minded* that I can see the material world for the astonishingly good divine gift that it is."

OBITUARIES

SAM ZELL, 81



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Sam Zell bought the parent company of the Los Angeles Times and Chicago Tribune, which endured mismanagement, allegations of sexual harassment and financial calamity during his ownership.

Foul-mouthed real estate tycoon sent Tribune Co. papers into bankruptcy

BY MICHAEL S. ROSENWALD

Sam Zell, the proudly foul-mouthed real estate tycoon whose daring buyout of the Tribune Co., the publisher of the Los Angeles Times and Chicago Tribune, was riddled by mismanagement, allegations of sexual harassment and financial calamity that ultimately sent the company into bankruptcy, died May 18 at 81.

Equity Group Investments, his Chicago-based company, said he died following complications from a brief illness. No other details were provided.

Known as the Grave Dancer, a nickname he bestowed on himself, Mr. Zell made his fortune — estimated at $5.2 billion by Forbes magazine — buying financially distressed apartment buildings, office towers and other properties, then raising rents after fixing them up.

"Some might see buying and creating value from others' mistakes as a form of exploitation, but I see it as giving neglected or devalued assets, in any industry, new life," he wrote in his autobiography "Am I Being Too Subtle?" "I'm not claiming to be altruistic — just optimistic, and confident that I can turn those assets around."

"I've always thought simply. I look at situations and act when I think the problems are temporary."
Sam Zell

Mr. Zell wore jeans to work, zoomed around on motorcycles and fired off f-bombs like mortars. His colossal, blunt personality made him an entertaining guest on CNBC, but his swagger set off the BS-detectors of the Tribune Co.'s uneasy and skeptical journalists almost immediately after his $8.2 billion leveraged buyout of the publisher was completed in 2007.

Despite his experience with newspapers being limited to reading them, Mr. Zell told his new employees he wanted to reinvigorate the corporate culture to be more daring and nimble.

"The challenge is, how do we get somebody 126 years old to get it up?" he told Times employees at a staff meeting. "I'm your Viagra, OK?"

At another get-to-know-him meeting at the Orlando Sentinel, another Tribune Co. outlet, Mr. Zell disagreed with a photographer's question and finished his response with, "F--- you." At the Tribune Co.'s Washington bureau, he told reporters: "This is the first unit of the Tribune that I've talked to that doesn't generate any revenue. So all of you are overhead."

Mr. Zell's newly installed executives proved equally problematic.

The New York Times reported that Randy Michaels, a former disc jockey hired to oversee the company's publications, had offered a waitress $100 to show her breasts during an informal gathering with other Tribune employees at a hotel. Michaels denied the allegation. Employees also told the New York Times that executives used crude innuendo and discussed the "sexual suitability of various employees."

The company, already teetering like other newspapers because of the internet's disruption of the news business, was saddled with another problem: a staggering amount of debt. As part of the deal, Mr. Zell only put up $315 million of his own money, covering the rest of the buyout in a complicated debt scheme that collapsed during the Great Recession of 2008.

On Dec. 8, 2008, about a year after Mr. Zell's buyout deal closed, the Tribune Co. filed for bankruptcy.

Samuel Zielonka was born Chicago on Sept. 28, 1941, four months after his parents, who were Jewish, immigrated from Poland during the Nazi invasion and shortened their last name to Zell. His father worked in the jewelry business.

Growing up in Highland Park, a prosperous suburb north of Chicago, Mr. Zell displayed an early entrepreneurial streak. He bought old Playboy magazines for 50 cents and sold them $3. The caption he wrote for his senior yearbook photo hinted at his future persona: "I am not arguing with you. I am telling you."

He majored in political science at the University of Michigan, graduating in 1963. In Ann Arbor, he managed a 15-unit apartment building in exchange for free room and board.

Mr. Zell stayed in town for law school, though his classes were an afterthought to his nascent real estate business. In 1965, he bought a three-unit apartment for $19,500, putting down $1,500 that he made from managing other apartments.

"I repainted the interior, replaced all the furniture, and doubled the rents," he wrote in "Am I Being Too Subtle?" "A couple of months later, I bought another building nearly next door, and then I bought the house in between."

By the time he graduated from law school, Mr. Zell, now working with his fraternity brother Bob Lurie, managed 4,000 apartments and owned upward of 200.

In 1968, he founded Equity Group Investments, the private investment company that managed his many entities. Mr. Zell also invested in radio stations, cruise ships, mattresses and Schwinn bicycles.

He explained his investment strategy in a 2004 interview with the Columbia University business school's newsletter, "The Bottom Line."

"I've always thought simply," he said. "I look at situations and act when I think the problems are temporary. I believed if you could buy assets with sufficient ability to carry them, then over time you could not lose."

In the 1970s, he said, apartment buildings cost $20,000 to build but only $10,000 to buy.

"My thesis was that if it was a good location and reasonably built, then I was competing in the market at $10,000 and new people would have to compete at $20,000 or $25,000," he said. "I didn't believe there was any way you could lose assuming you had the ability to carry it."

Mr. Zell was divorced twice. Survivors include his third wife, the former Helen Herzog Fadim; three children; two sisters; and nine grandchildren.

In his autobiography, Mr. Zell admitted to not being a saint.

"I have an embedded sense of urgency," he wrote. "What I can't figure out is why so many other people don't have it. But from an early age I realized that I had a fundamentally different perspective from my peers. And I was willing to trade conformity for authenticity — even when that meant being an outlier, which it usually did, and even if it meant being on my own."

ANNOUNCEMENT

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DEATH NOTICE

BRAXTON

CARL F. BRAXTON
The members of the DC Firefighters Association, Local #36, regret to announce the death of Active Brother Carl F. Braxton on May 8, 2023. Brother Braxton graduated out of Cadet Class 17 and was appointed to the DC Fire and EMS Department on April 5, 2015. Firefighter Braxton was assigned to Engine Company 22 at the time of his passing. A Celebration of Life will occur on Monday, May 22, 2023 at All Nations Worship Assembly DC, 4703 Marlboro Pike Capitol Heights, MD. A viewing will be held at 10 a.m. and the Celebration of Life will begin at 11 a.m. Interment will proceed at Fort Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood, MD.

GOLIN

STEVE J. GOLIN
Steven Joseph Golin passed away on May 10, 2023, at age 66. He was above all a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother.

Steve had a passion for his family, the outdoors, his mountain home, and his industry. He was often described as passionate and a "force". He was friendly and outgoing, filling any room with his special brand of energy. His family, friends and co-workers thought the world of him.

Steve is survived by his wife, Karen, his sons, Dan and Sean, his sister, Linda, and his grandchildren, Samantha, Henry, Leah and Emma.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Donations in his name can be made to the University of Iowa Center for Advancement Neurosurgery research fund. All funds will help to support pediatric research in overlooked and rare craniocervical conditions similar to the one affecting his grandson, Henry. Donation Link: givetoiowa.org/neurosurgeryfund

KATZ

MARSHALL KATZ (Age 86)
Of Alexandria, VA, passed away Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Loving husband to Laura Goldsmith Katz; beloved father to Rachel Katz Davies (Benjamin); grandfather to Claire Davies. He will truly be missed by many. Relatives and friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22315 on Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. Interment directly following at King David Memorial Gardens, Falls Church, VA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Carpenter's Shelter, www.carpentersshelter.org, Weitzman Institute, www.weitzmaninstitute.org or Agudas Achim Congregation, Sefer Torah Fund. Online family guestbook and livestream link can be found at:
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SCOTT

PHILIP G. SCOTT
Philip G. Scott, 72, passed away peacefully at his home in Kirkland, Washington on April 24, 2023 from complications of diabetes. He is survived by his beloved wife of 48 years, Suzette Murawski Scott; his children, Matthew, Andrew (Janna), and Marietta (Solomon) Abay. He was the doting grandfather of Kaila and Kinsley Scott and Evelyn Abay. He is also survived by his sisters, Mary (Sheldon) Himmelfarb and Catherine (Edwin) Cissel. Phil was predeceased by his parents,Teresa and Gardner Scott and his father-in-law Henry Murawski. Phil grew up in Mt. Rainier, Maryland, graduated from Northwestern High School and the University of Maryland in 1972 with a B.A. degree. Phil retired after a long career with the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Private Services. To support ongoing research for this terrible disease, donations to the American Diabetes Association (diabetes.org) would be greatly appreciated.

DEATH NOTICE

TOMCZYK

ALFRED JOHN TOMCZYK
LTC USA (RET.) (Age 87)
On Saturday, May 13, 2023 of Alexandria, VA. Beloved husband of the late Roberta Teresa Tomczyk; cherished father of Mary Elizabeth "MaryBeth" Keller (Brian), Roseann Teresa Caceda (Andy) and Stephen Alfred Tomczyk (Ellen); grandfather of Joshua, Thomas and Grace Keller, Isabella and Andy Caceda, Jr. and Taylor, Drew and the late Cole Tomczyk. He will be missed by many. Visitation was held at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr. Alexandria, VA 22315, on Thursday, May 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1427 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria, VA 22302, was held on Friday, May 19 at 11 a.m. Interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery on a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research or the Wounded Warrior Project. Please view and sign the family guestbook at
www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com

DEATH NOTICE

BALTIMORE

ETHEL BALTIMORE
(Age 93)
Baltimore, Ethel of Wilmington, NC, departed this life on Monday, May 15, 2023. Remains rest at March Funeral Home, 2110 E. Laburnum Ave. Funeral Service will be held 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at The St. Paul's Baptist Church, 4247 Creighton Rd., Richmond, VA 23223 with visitation one hour prior. Interment Mount Morris Community Cemetery, Hume, VA.

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DEATH NOTICE

DOYLE

FRANK J. DOYLE
Dr. Frank J. Doyle, 89, of Chevy Chase, Maryland, passed away peacefully on May 7, 2023 in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Frank was born on September 9, 1933 to Frank William and Catherine Agnes Doyle in Melrose, Massachusetts and spent his childhood and adolescence in Wakefield, MA. Frank graduated from Boston College with a B.S. in Biology and an M.A. in Theology, continuing on to serve in the Catholic Church as a Jesuit priest. After leaving the priesthood, Frank earned his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from US International University in San Diego, beginning his career as a distinguished psychologist serving the Washington D.C. area.

Frank enjoyed spending his time gardening, solving puzzles, keeping up with politics, and more than anything, spending time with his wife and family.

Frank was predeceased by siblings Marie, Catherine, Ann, and Stephen. He is survived by his loving wife, Bonnie Sheila Eisenberg; their three children, Rebecca (Steve) Davis, Andrew (Lauren) Doyle, and Susanna (Nicholas) Brightwell; three grandchildren, Eleanor, Maggie, and Samuel; and sister Martha.

A private service will be held at Tavira Restaurant in Chevy Chase, MD on June 10, 2023 at 1:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or JSSA Hospice Care.
www.PumphreyFuneralHome.com

DEATH NOTICE

FLANAGAN

GLORIA BROGAN FLANAGAN
Gloria Brogan Flanagan, 70, of Alexandria, Virginia, born June 2, 1952, passed away on May 15, 2023, after a battle with urothelial cancer. Raised in Binghamton, NY and New Brunswick, NJ, Gloria moved to the Washington, DC area in the fall of 1970 to attend Georgetown University. On the first day of classes freshman year, Gloria met William (Bill) Flanagan; the two were married in June of 1975. Gloria earned her BSFS in International Affairs and Juris Doctor from Georgetown University. Gloria worked in postal rate law at the US Postal Service following law school until after having her first child in 1983. A caring and nurturing mother, Gloria had three children and stayed home to raise them, while also running her local citizens association. Gloria went back to work in the mid-90s, assisting Alexandria City Councilwoman Lois Walker. After Walker lost her reelection in 2000, Gloria transitioned to working for the Alexandria Small Business Development Center, where she would serve as Associate Director until her passing. At the Alexandria SBDC, Gloria helped thousands of Alexandrian entrepreneurs start and grow their small businesses. A passionate cook, baker, and hostess, Gloria was happiest when entertaining family and friends at her Alexandria home, especially at Christmas. She was predeceased by her husband Bill in 2010. She is survived by her three children: sons William (Billy) and James (Jim), and daughter Kerry; sisters Patricia Frantz of West Chester, PA and Margaret "Peggy" Woods of Wallingford, PA, and brother James "Jim" Brogan of Point Pleasant, NJ; four godchildren; fourteen nieces and nephews; eleven grandnieces and nephews; and countless beloved friends. Her wake will be at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home in Alexandria on May 23 from 4 to 8 p.m., and her funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. on May 24 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Georgetown, where she was a parishioner for over 50 years. She will be laid to rest at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Alexandria in a private ceremony at a later date. In lieu of flowers, her family asks that donations be made to Together We Bake or the Father McKenna Center, both charities that were close to her heart.

FLINTROP

RICHARD A. FLINTROP
Richard Allan Flintrop, Legislator and Social Justice Advocate, transitioned peacefully at home in Washington, D.C. of congestive heart failure on May 13 2023. A man who offered his big heart to others succumbed to a physically failing heart. Richard's last moments were just as he desired them to be – with his beloved husband Ben and their two sweet rescue dogs, Amy and Justine, at his side. He leaves behind Ben Capistrano, his devoted husband of 25 years, his two littles ones, and countless friends, organizations and plants he has nourished through the years.

Richard was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on December 15, 1945. Raised in Milwaukee, he then later received undergraduate and graduate degrees from University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh, and American and George Washington Universities in D.C. He was proud to be a former staffer for Sen. William Proxmire (D-WS) and later as Vice Chair of the Winnebago County Democratic Party. Elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly in 1972 until 1979, where his laser focus centered around children and health and human services, school dropout prevention, and environmental concerns. As the principal sponsor of the historic amended Wisconsin Children's Code, he stood on his feet for eight hours at the assembly floor during the debates, defending the bill and protecting it from onerous amendments. That same day, March 2, 1978, the bill passed with bipartisan support. Richard ran hard but unsuccessfully for the House of Representatives 6th Congressional District in 1982. After moving to Washington, D.C. the name Richard Flintrop quickly became synonymous with community activism. While he worked for the Center for the Study of Social Policy, Richard was a critical part of the core group that spearheaded the development of neighborhood-based child welfare services. Now this community collaboratives continue to thrive in the different DC Wards. He was Policy Director at HFTC Collaborative Council (Healthy Families/Thriving Communities), the umbrella organization that coordinated the activities of the various collaboratives As a child welfare advocate, Richard received acknowledgements for his participation and guidance from the Children's Law Center, DC Fatherhood Program, and the DC Juvenile Justice System.

Intellectual curiosity continued to be his driving force, as he and Ben travelled extensively around the world, sampling new wine productions from known and unknown wine regions, and critiquing divine restaurants they loved to find off-the-beaten path. Upon entering La Sagrada Familia in Barcelona (one of his favorite cities), Richard who did not believe in religions, shed tears of joy. He felt the same way walking along the crazy streets of Palermo and the beaches of Cefalu, Sicilian cities he adored. Richard was a gardener with a greener thumb than nature itself and was an accomplished cook. He enjoyed entertaining friends at home with multi course meals and wine pairings, and at well-known restaurants or preferably those yet undiscovered by the restaurant critics. Richard was grateful to be living in DC where cultural activities flourish. He took full advantage of this and had his calendar filled with theater, dance and symphony performances.

Richard spent his last weeks reaching out to former colleagues and friends to tell them how important they have been in his life and to say, "Treasure those you love and value each day."Per his request, a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Donations may be made to honor his life to two organizations he gave part of his heart to: Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation (Donate Now | Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation (lostdogrescue.org) and Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/donate).

GOROG

GRETCHEN MEISTER GOROG
Gretchen Meister Gorog passed away May 1, 2023 at her family home of 40 years in McLean, Virginia, surrounded by her large and loving family. She was 94 years old.
Gretchen was born on May 27,1928 in Warren, Ohio, the daughter of Dr. Henry Joseph Meister and his wife, Marian Sutcliffe Meister. Gretchen was an only child, as was her devoted and adoring late husband, William F. Gorog, also from Warren.
Gretchen and Bill met at a mixer between Marymount College at Tarrytown, NY and the West Point Cadets in 1947. The chemistry was instantaneous. They were married two years later in June of 1949, and had a passionate, supportive, loving and fun adventure together for 55 years, before Bill passed away in 2002.WFGorogNYTimesObit
Gretchen and Bill, both only children, created a dynasty by having six children, who gave them 21 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren to date.
Gretchen was known as a fierce protector of every single member of her large family and seemed to know everything about each of them throughout her entire life. Her children and grandchildren trusted her to give straight answers to hard questions and always came to her for advice. Gretchen could talk with equal intelligence and authority about her loves and concerns regarding a family member, or the intricacies of the Geopolitical scene, what books she was reading and the value of manners and comportment.
After Bill retired from active duty, they spent several years in White Plains, New York and then moved to Dayton, Ohio where they raised their six children. While Bill focused on his numerous businesses Gretchen supported the Dayton community by serving on the boards of the Dayton Art Institute, the Dayton Philharmonic, and the Dayton Opera in addition to taking care of their growing family. Always a lover of fashion, Gretchen received the honor of being named "The Best Hatted Woman in Dayton". Gretchen made the Gorog family home in Oakwood a place of love, support, encouragement, and fun.
Gretchen was an athlete and played tennis and golf, was a beautiful ice skater and loved skiing. This passion led them to Snowmass Village, Colorado, where they purchased a condominium in 1966. The Rocky Mountains became a part of Gretchen and she and Bill sold the condo in Snowmass Village for a home in Aspen where Gretchen created lifelong bonds in the community.
Gretchen and Bill moved to Washington, DC in 1975 as Bill received an appointment to the White House as a senior economic advisor to President Ford. Gretchen and Bill became deeply ingrained in Washington society and the political scene. Gretchen was, as always, the beautiful, funny and smart live wire that everyone wanted to be around. During her Washington, DC/Virginia years she additionally served on the boards of Marymount College, the Smithsonian Women's Committee, and the Pathfinders Board (boys and girls club) in Palm Desert.
Gretchen is survived by her six children, Robin Gorog (Jim Jochem) of Basalt, Colorado, Jonathan Gorog (Susan) of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Christopher Gorog (Kathy Taggares) of Los Angeles, California, Lesley Allen (Yorke) of Reston, Virginia, Jennifer Nichols (Chip) of McLean, Virginia, and Peter Gorog (Amanda) of Oakton, Virginia, as well as 21 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.
Gretchen will be deeply missed by all who knew her but will also be eternally celebrated for her unique combination of serious wisdom and vivacious fun. Gretchen made the world around her a better, smarter, and more loving place.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for the immediate family at St. Luke Catholic Church in McLean, Virginia. Gretchen will be inurned with the love of her life, Bill Gorog, at Arlington National Cemetery.

DEATH NOTICE

RUSSELL

VIRGINIA COLUMBINE RUSSELL
Virginia Columbine Russell died at home on April 18, 2023. Virginia was born on January 17, 1930 in Columbus, Georgia, the daughter of Oscar and Giula (Chambers) Robinson. She married Lt. David C. Russell on August 7, 1948 and enjoyed a career as an Army Wife. Throughout her life she was active in various volunteer activities including Girl Scouts, Officers Wives Clubs, Reston Women's Club, and Daughters of the American Revolution. After her husband's retirement the couple traveled widely mostly in Europe, but also in Mexico. the Caribbean and Australia while Virginia was chairman of the DAR Units Overseas Committee and later chairman of the DAR Special Events Committee. She also served as chairman of the DAR Museum Docents' Committee. She was a member of the Vienna Presbyterian Church in Vienna, Virginia and the Army and Navy Club of Washington, DC.

In her last days Virginia was embraced by her family and many friends. She was predeceased by her husband, David Carrick Russell, Col. USA Retired. She is survived by two daughters, two granddaughters and three great-grandchildren, as well as her bridge group and several "pseudo-daughters" whom she loved and mentored.

Donations may be sent to the Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. NE, Vienna, VA 22180 or the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 1776 D Street NW, Washington, DC 20006.

A Celebration of her life will be held on May 22, 2023 at Vienna Presbyterian Church.

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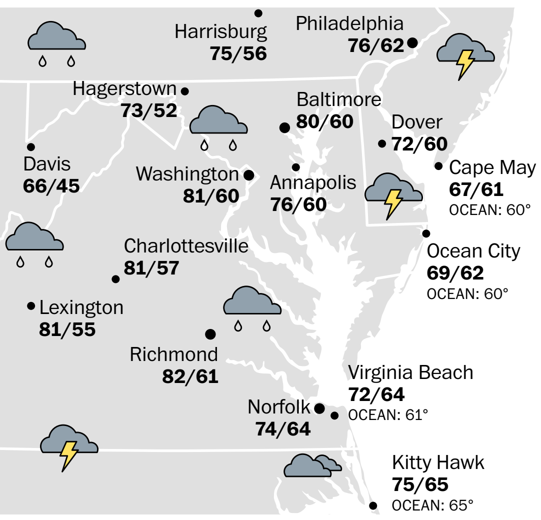
Watch out for rain late in the day

Much of the day will be dry and partly to mostly cloudy. As a cold front approaches, the odds of showers and storms will grow by midafternoon and probably be highest in the early evening. Some showers may persist into the night behind any scattered storms to start things off. Highs will be mostly near and above 80. Winds from the south around 5 to 10 mph ahead of the front will turn to come from the northwest late.

Today	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
A shower and t-storm	Sunny	Partly sunny; pleasant	Clouds and sun; nice	Mostly cloudy	Cloudy
81° 60°	79° 60°	82° 58°	78° 57°	81° 58°	80° 62°
FEELS*: **79°**	FEELS: **81°**	FEELS: **88°**	FEELS: **78°**	FEELS: **81°**	FEELS: **78°**
CHNCE PRECIP: **65%**	P: **0%**	P: **5%**	P: **15%**	P: **25%**	P: **25%**
WIND: **S 6–12 mph**	W: **NNW 7–14 mph**	W: **ENE 6–12 mph**	W: **E 7–14 mph**	W: **S 6–12 mph**	W: **ENE 8–16 mph**
HUMIDITY: **Moderate**	H: **Low**	H: **Low**	H: **Low**	H: **Low**	H: **Low**

REGION



Pollen: High
Grass High
Trees High
Weeds Low
Mold Low

Air Quality: Good
Dominant cause: Ozone

UV: Moderate
5 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, mostly cloudy, a thunderstorm in the afternoon. High 62 to 66. Winds west-southwest 7–14 mph. Tonight, a couple of showers. Low 50 to 54. Winds north-northwest 6–12 mph. Sunday, sunny; the start of an extended stretch of dry weather.

Atlantic beaches: Today, mostly cloudy, humid; periods of rain; however, dry in the south. High 68 to 74. Winds southeast 6–12 mph. Tonight, a shower, thunderstorm. Low 60 to 64. Winds west 6–12 mph. Sunday, a brief shower or two. High 69 to 75.

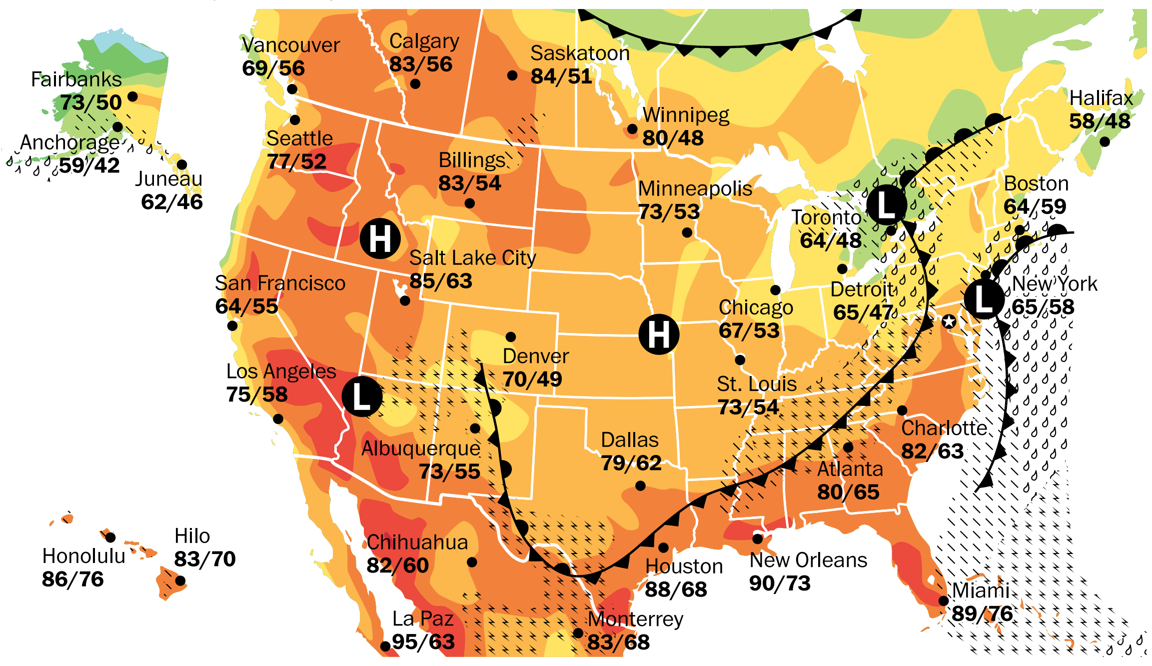
Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, cloudy, a shower, thunderstorm in the afternoon. Wind southwest 4–8 knots. Waves under a foot. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, mostly cloudy. Wind west 6–12 knots. Waves 1–2 feet on the Lower Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 3.70 feet today, falling to 3.60 Sunday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

Washington	3:43 a.m.	**9:11 a.m.**	4:38 p.m.	**9:49 p.m.**
Annapolis	**6:40 a.m.**	1:22 p.m.	**6:33 p.m.**	none
Ocean City	2:53 a.m.	**8:39 a.m.**	2:38 p.m.	**9:02 p.m.**
Norfolk	4:58 a.m.	**10:51 a.m.**	4:43 p.m.	**11:08 p.m.**
Point Lookout	**2:30 a.m.**	9:39 a.m.	**2:44 p.m.**	8:22 p.m.

NATION

Weather map features for noon today.



T-storms Rain Showers Snow Flurries Ice Cold Front Warm Front Stationary Front

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Yesterday's National
High: Needles, CA **98°**
Low: Berlin, NH **25°**
for the 48 contiguous states

World
High: Matam, Senegal **114°**
Low: Golomyannyy, Russia **5°**
excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	70/52/sh	75/50/pc
Albuquerque	73/55/t	75/54/t
Anchorage	59/42/pc	56/41/s
Atlanta	80/65/t	81/64/sh
Austin	81/64/c	80/60/pc
Baltimore	80/60/sh	81/58/s
Billings, MT	83/54/pc	84/56/s
Birmingham	82/62/t	83/63/pc
Bismarck, ND	79/48/pc	82/53/pc
Boise	91/60/pc	89/56/t
Boston	64/59/r	76/56/c
Buffalo	62/49/r	68/49/s
Burlington, VT	72/55/sh	73/43/pc
Charleston, SC	83/68/pc	79/65/t
Charleston, WV	67/48/t	76/48/s
Charlotte	82/63/t	78/56/sh
Cheyenne, WY	70/45/s	74/46/t
Chicago	69/53/s	76/54/pc
Cincinnati	71/50/pc	75/54/s
Cleveland	64/49/pc	73/52/s
Dallas	79/62/c	77/61/c
Denver	70/49/t	76/51/t
Des Moines	71/50/s	77/54/s
Detroit	65/47/pc	79/54/s
El Paso	81/62/c	88/64/t
Fairbanks, AK	73/50/c	70/49/pc
Fargo, ND	74/48/pc	81/55/s
Hartford, CT	65/57/r	76/56/pc
Honolulu	86/76/sh	85/75/sh
Houston	88/68/t	82/66/c
Indianapolis	70/48/s	76/54/pc
Jackson, MS	87/65/t	82/61/pc
Jacksonville, FL	85/69/t	85/67/t
Kansas City, MO	70/51/s	78/55/pc
Las Vegas	93/74/pc	93/75/s
Little Rock	78/57/s	77/57/pc
Los Angeles	75/58/pc	75/59/pc
Louisville	74/53/s	78/58/s
Memphis	74/58/r	78/59/pc
Miami	89/76/t	90/75/t
Milwaukee	68/54/s	73/52/pc
Minneapolis	73/53/s	77/57/s
Nashville	73/54/r	78/56/pc
New Orleans	90/73/t	85/73/pc
New York City	68/58/r	77/60/pc
Norfolk	74/64/c	71/58/sh
Oklahoma City	70/52/pc	74/56/pc
Omaha	73/49/s	80/53/s
Orlando	90/72/t	91/73/t
Philadelphia	76/62/sh	79/61/s
Phoenix	97/76/pc	98/76/s
Pittsburgh	67/46/sh	74/49/s
Portland, ME	62/53/sh	72/51/c
Portland, OR	80/57/pc	72/54/c
Providence, RI	65/60/r	75/55/c
Raleigh, NC	84/65/pc	75/57/sh
Reno, NV	88/58/c	83/57/t
Richmond	82/61/t	78/54/c
Sacramento	80/53/s	86/57/s
St. Louis	73/54/s	79/59/s
St. Thomas, VI	86/78/sh	87/78/sh
Salt Lake City	85/63/s	87/64/t
San Diego	68/61/pc	68/62/pc
San Francisco	64/55/pc	66/54/pc
San Juan, PR	85/76/t	87/75/c
Seattle	77/52/pc	64/47/c
Spokane, WA	89/61/pc	76/50/t
Syracuse	67/49/sh	73/48/pc
Tampa	92/76/t	90/77/t
Wichita	71/49/pc	77/55/pc

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	75/56/pc	73/55/sh
Amsterdam	67/54/pc	69/55/c
Athens	78/63/pc	72/61/t
Auckland	64/57/sh	62/54/s
Baghdad	94/71/t	96/75/pc
Bangkok	102/84/pc	103/80/t
Beijing	79/59/pc	81/57/pc
Berlin	71/56/pc	79/57/t
Bogota	67/52/sh	67/53/t
Brussels	66/53/pc	70/54/t
Buenos Aires	62/57/c	67/61/c
Cairo	85/66/s	96/79/s
Caracas	77/64/t	77/64/t
Copenhagen	63/51/pc	70/53/pc
Dakar	82/73/s	81/73/pc
Dublin	62/49/pc	63/50/sh
Edinburgh	63/50/pc	61/49/pc
Frankfurt	70/56/pc	79/56/pc
Geneva	67/53/t	74/55/t
Ham., Bermuda	75/69/pc	77/70/sh
Helsinki	70/40/s	73/45/pc
Ho Chi Minh City	93/79/t	92/78/t
Hong Kong	90/81/t	90/81/t
Islamabad	101/74/s	104/78/c
Istanbul	67/56/c	68/57/sh
Jerusalem	71/54/sh	79/64/pc
Johannesburg	64/42/s	68/43/s
Kabul	81/58/pc	80/57/c
Kingston, Jam.	89/78/t	88/77/sh
Kolkata	98/82/t	99/83/pc
Kyiv	74/50/pc	68/49/pc
Lagos	87/78/t	87/77/t
Lima	75/69/pc	76/67/pc
Lisbon	76/57/pc	73/56/pc
London	67/46/pc	66/49/pc
Madrid	68/51/pc	71/53/t
Manila	91/80/t	93/81/t
Mexico City	80/57/t	79/58/sh
Montreal	68/52/c	72/42/pc
Moscow	60/47/pc	64/51/pc
Mumbai	94/83/s	93/83/pc
Nairobi	81/57/pc	81/60/pc
New Delhi	106/83/pc	109/87/pc
Oslo	72/44/s	77/49/pc
Ottawa	62/50/sh	71/38/pc
Paris	68/53/t	72/56/t
Prague	73/52/t	77/53/t
Rio de Janeiro	77/65/s	77/69/pc
Riyadh	104/78/s	105/79/s
Rome	70/60/r	74/55/t
San Salvador	92/70/t	92/72/pc
Santiago	69/46/s	58/45/sh
Sarajevo	75/50/t	74/50/t
Seoul	79/61/pc	76/56/t
Shanghai	82/66/pc	84/66/pc
Singapore	89/79/t	88/78/t
Stockholm	66/40/s	70/44/pc
Sydney	66/50/s	67/47/s
Taipei City	87/74/c	88/74/sh
Tehran	92/71/pc	84/68/c
Tokyo	70/63/pc	76/67/pc
Toronto	64/48/sh	76/49/s
Vienna	75/55/t	77/55/t
Warsaw	73/51/pc	74/49/pc

Key: s-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, **sh**- showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

Sources: **AccuWeather.com**; US Army Centralized Allergen Extract Lab (pollen data); airnow.gov (air quality data); National Weather Service

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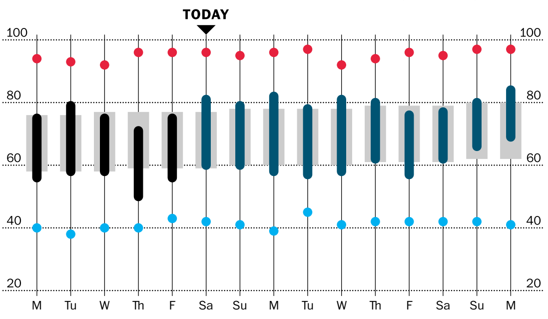
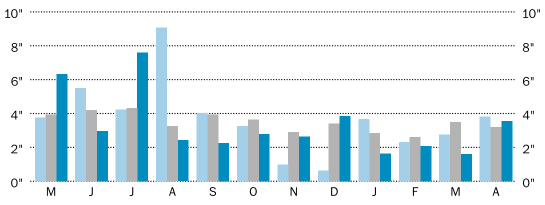


Statistics through 5 p.m. Friday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**75°** 2:11 p.m.	**77°** 2:27 p.m.	**75°** 4:00 p.m.
Low	**56°** 2:00 a.m.	**47°** 3:36 a.m.	**50°** 3:01 a.m.
Normal	77°/59°	76°/54°	76°/54°
Record high	96° 1997	92° 1996	98° 1962
Record low	43° 1976	36° 2002	38° 2009

Difference from 30-yr. avg. (National): this month: **–2.3°** yr. to date: **+4.0°**

Precipitation



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Total this month	0.26"	0.75"	0.40"
Normal	2.40"	2.83"	2.29"
Total this year	9.14"	9.25"	9.87"
Normal	14.59"	15.35"	15.67"

Moon Phases

May 27	June 3	June 10	June 18
First Quarter	Full	Last Quarter	New

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	5:52 a.m.	8:18 p.m.
Moon	6:15 a.m.	9:48 p.m.
Venus	8:44 a.m.	11:52 p.m.
Mars	10:08 a.m.	12:44 a.m.
Jupiter	4:34 a.m.	5:51 p.m.
Saturn	2:23 a.m.	1:21 p.m.

Police called to suspect's address 25 times over two years

CONNOLLY FROM B1

ing and malicious wounding in connection with the assault on the Connolly staffers. Police allege he went to the congressman's Fairfax City office, asked for the lawmaker, who wasn't there, and then hit an outreach director and an intern with the bat.

Connolly has said there was no indication the attack was politically motivated. Hy Pham, Xuan Pham's father, has said his son was schizophrenic and had dealt with mental illness since his late teens.

Chief Public Defender Dawn Butorac, whose office represents Pham, said Friday: "It's clear that Mr. Pham is incredibly mentally ill, and the fact that the police were called for service that many times proves that."

One of the calls appears to be connected to a Jan. 12, 2022, case, in which Pham was ultimately arrested and charged with four felonies after police said he assaulted an officer.

The calls for service records indicate police were called to the address that day for an officer in distress, and later, for a missing person. An incident report with a matching case number to the officer in distress call asserts that Pham screamed and ran toward a police officer's cruiser, asking an officer to shoot him. A police report says after police told Pham they would be taking him to a mental health facility, Pham grew angry and resisted officers' efforts to take him into custody, reaching for the gun of one of them.

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> Fairfax chief public defender

Prosecutors dropped the case on Sept. 12, court records show. The Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office said in a statement that the charges "stemmed from a mental health incident" and were not prosecuted "as part of an agreement that ensured the individual was complying with mental health services." From the day after Pham's arrest to when the charges were dropped, 12 calls for service were been made to the house, according to police records. The nature of the call is redacted in seven instances. In three, the nature is listed as a suspicious event, according to the records. In two from the same day in early September, it is listed as some type of police service.

Hy Pham said his son was unmarried and did not have a job because of his mental health struggles. The son lived with his father, who said he had been unsuccessfully trying to arrange mental health care for Xuan Pham.

A judge ordered Friday that Pham to undergo a mental competency evaluation to determine whether he is mentally able to stand trial. A hearing regarding the evaluation is scheduled for July 6, court records show.

Pham faces two other charges from Monday, police have said. Officials allege he accosted a woman earlier that morning in a nearby neighborhood, asking her about her race and chasing her with a bat, before apparently making his way to the congressman's office. He is facing hate-crime-related assault and felony destruction of property charges in the earlier incident, police said.

Fairfax County police declined a request for the seven body camera videos that captured the incident, saying it was part of their investigation. Fairfax County and City of Fairfax officials also declined requests regarding access to 911 audio dispatch pertaining to the two incidents from Monday.

U.S. Capitol Police said Tuesday there was a search warrant served on Pham's father's house Monday night by the county and the city police to try to determine what, if any, kind of planning he could have done. Courthouse officials said Friday that the warrant was sealed. One call, which was made Tuesday after Pham's arrest, makes reference to a police investigation, according to the records.

MARYLAND

Ex-Montgomery County schools official pleads guilty to theft scheme

BY NICOLE ASBURY

A former assistant director of Montgomery County Public Schools' transportation department pleaded guilty Thursday to felony theft scheme that exceeded $100,000 and misconduct in office.

The former employee, Charles Ewald, was fired from his position in the school system in February 2022, according to a report from a county inspector general. He was initially placed on leave and then terminated, after a police investigation into financial improprieties in the transportation department. The department's former director, Todd Watkins, was also placed on leave at the time and later resigned.

There were few details about the case shared Thursday. A sentencing hearing is scheduled in September and more information will be shared then, said Kush Arora, Ewald's attorney.

"Mr. Ewald accepted responsibility for his part in this event very early on in the investigation," Arora said. "He and his family look forward to moving forward from this incident."

A spokeswoman reiterated Friday the school system's previous statement, noting that the two individuals no longer work for MCPS and that the school system's auditing group initially identified potential problems.

"It is because of that great work, and significant cooperation with our police partners, that MCPS has recovered in excess of $800,000," she said in an email.

The report from the Montgomery County inspector general found that some employees in the transportation department frequently misused county-issued purchasing cards, including more than $133,000 in prohibited purchases made by Ewald. It did not name Ewald directly in the report but noted he had been placed on leave. A separate state audit found further evidence of ongoing theft, thousands of dollars in questionable credit card purchases and an "off the books" vendor account used by employees.

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Charles Ewald, former assistant director of the transportation department, was fired from the school system in February 2022.

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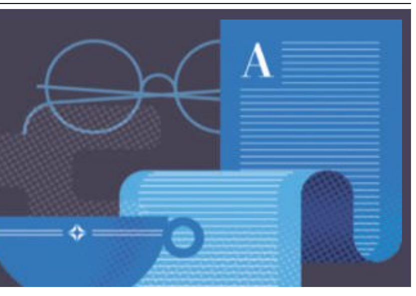
Music to our ears: Free tickets to Palace on June 6 at 9:30 Club

The British alt-rock four-top released third album *Shoals* in 2022 – 12 profound tracks and "undoubtedly their best record to date" (clashmusic.com). "Not many bands do better emotionally literate, melancholic indie at the moment" (The Observer). "If *Shoals* is anything to go by, Palace will be filling stadiums before too long" (thelineofbestfit.com).

See details at washingtonpost.com/my-post.



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Bernie Sanders revels in being Bernie

These days, the senator from Vermont finds his happy place — grilling corporate execs

BY KARA VOGHT

Bernie Sanders sits in the conference room of his Capitol Hill office wearing an unfamiliar countenance: The senator is beaming.

He slaps a sheet of printer paper onto the table in front of him. "I just jotted down some notes," he says with a wolfish grin. "Let me tell you what we're trying to do and you ask me any questions you want."

Sanders (I-Vt.) rarely exudes such high spirits in the presence of the media; to interview Sanders, under most circumstances, is to endure his impatient scowl. Something's different this time. When he walked into the room a few minutes earlier, he had shot me a knowing wink. He seems ... chipper? Is Bernie Sanders being chipper right now?

"We're having a very interesting hearing — pay attention to it!" Sanders says from across the table. The CEOs of three major insulin manufacturers were scheduled to appear alongside the CEOs of three companies that manage prescription drug prices for health insurers. "All on one panel!" Sanders yelps with punchline-like emphasis.

"These are two industries, both very profitable — both, in my view, are responsible for the outrageously high prices that we pay," he says, jamming his index finger into the table for emphasis. "Each is very critical of the other one. So I want to hear what they're going to say about each other."

So, he was planning to hold, like, a debate?

"Thaaaaaat's *right*!" he roars, gripping the table as he leans forward. "We're not supplying the whipped cream pie — that, we're *not* supplying!" He chuckles at his own joke.

This is what's going on with him. The senator is revealing the performance he's orchestrating. Reality show meets morality play.

Sanders, 81, never got to be president. But he accrued enough political capital, over the course of two formidable presidential runs, to spend the twilight of his Senate career living out a very Bernie sort of fantasy: As chair of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (HELP), he gets to drag his

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What sparks joy in Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.)? Questioning corporate leaders like Moderna's Stéphane Bancel.

It's not the years, it's the mileage

At Cannes premiere, Harrison Ford receives an honorary Palme d'Or as he says goodbye to one of his iconic roles

BY JADA YUAN

CANNES, FRANCE — Just the sight of Harrison Ford was all it took to turn a roomful of journalists into weepy, cheering fans. As Ford's name was announced at the Friday morning news conference for the premiere of his fifth and final outing as Indiana Jones, reporters in attendance burst into a sustained round of applause. When he appeared to be holding back tears while answering questions — which was often! — an audible "Awwww!" rippled through the room.

"Thank you for existing!" a Brazilian journalist shouted at the end of his question to Ford.

The beloved movie icon was visibly emotional all throughout Thursday night's premiere of "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny," and the press events of the following day. He choked up when he was presented with a surprise honorary Palme d'Or just before the screening started, just after a reel of his life in movies had played. He straight up cried as the crowd showered him with a standing ovation. He struggled with emotion to get out words when the moderator of the presser said how moving it was to see him onstage at the premiere and asked how it felt.

"Indescribable," said Ford, laughing and shaking his head. "It felt ... I can't even tell you. It's just extraordinary to see a kind of relic of your life as it passes by. The warmth of this place, and the sense of community, the welcome is unimaginable. And it makes me feel good."

When accepting his honorary Palme, Ford had not only thanked his wife, Calista Flockhart, his "Destiny" director James Mangold and castmates Phoebe Waller-Bridge and Mads Mikkelsen, but also directly addressed the audience. "You've given my life purpose and meaning and I'm grateful for that," he told the crowd.

At 80, Ford seemed nearly as spry as ever — with fairly obvious CGI help — in the film, which features him in a bracing horseback chase scene through a parade and the New York City subway, petal-to-the-metal-ing rick-

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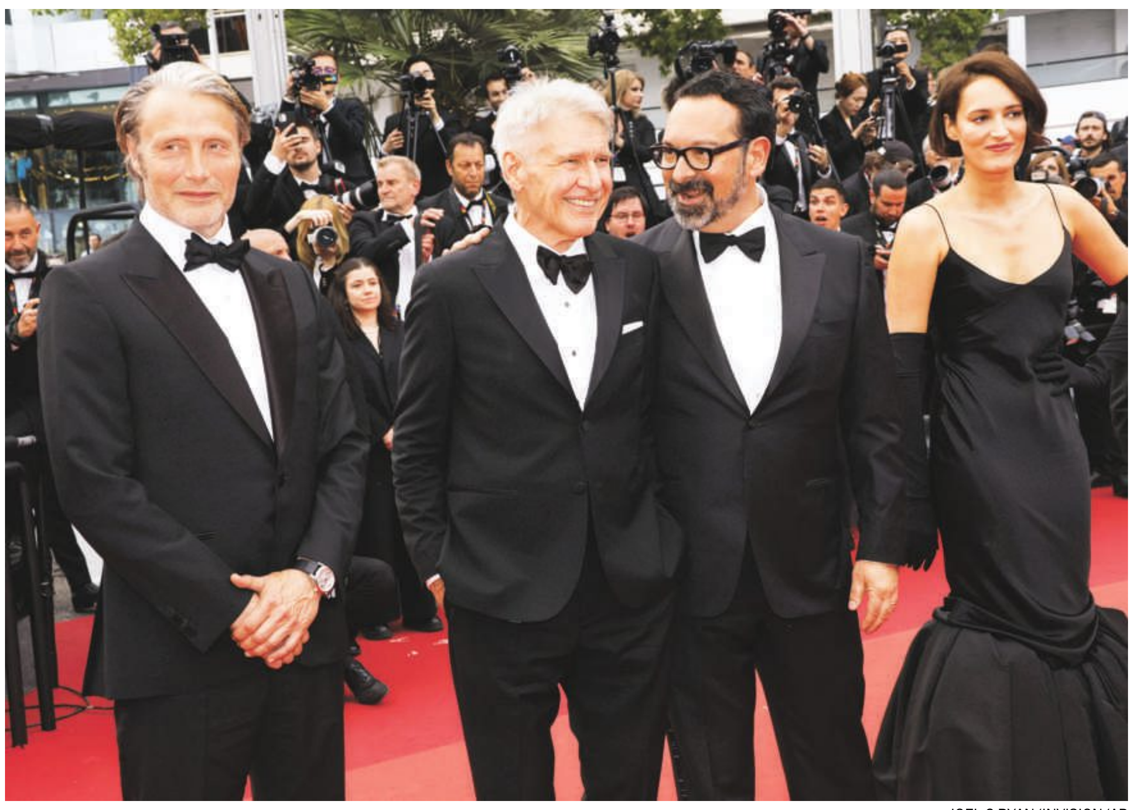
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From left, Mads Mikkelsen, Harrison Ford, director James Mangold and Phoebe Waller-Bridge arrive at the premiere of "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny" at the Cannes Film Festival on Thursday.

MEMO

Jolie's label wants to make style democratic

BY RACHEL TASHJIAN

Angelina Jolie has made a reputation for herself as one of Hollywood's foremost humanitarians, harnessing our attention for refugees, war-zone sexual assault and international adoption — but can she change the way we think about clothes?

On Wednesday, the actor introduced Atelier Jolie, a fashion business with an unorthodox and purpose-driven business model. "Atelier Jolie wants to join others in their effort to democratize the fashion industry, allowing the customers to have access to a collective of emerging designers and master artisans," she wrote in an Instagram caption accompanying an image of a brand logo in jangly art-deco-style font over a leathery metallic gold background.

Aside from its fall launch date, the brand has made few details available — "Bear with me," Jolie signed off on her introductory note. "I hope to grow this with you" — but hints at an ambitious, globalist aim. "I am building a place for creative people to collaborate with a skilled and diverse family of expert tailors, patternmakers and artisans from around the world," she writes on the brand's site. "A place to have fun. To create your own designs with freedom. To discover yourself."

Emphasizing the global reach of an industry deeply entrenched in Western values has become the luxury business's new obsession over the past year. Chanel staged a fashion show in Senegal last December, while Gucci mounted one in South Korea earlier this month. Dior has highlighted their use of Indian ateliers for embroidery — a practice many French luxury businesses engage in but often go to lengths to obscure in the name of preserving French artisanship.

Still, the business remains oriented around Western notions of

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Baldwin's 'Rust' gun might have been altered

BY SAMANTHA CHERY AND JANAY KINGSBERRY

New Mexico prosecutors are investigating whether the gun Alec Baldwin was handling when it went off and killed "Rust" cinematographer Halyna Hutchins might have been intentionally modified.

"The modification appears to be related to the notches on the internal portion of the hammer for full cock, half cock and quarter cock positions," prosecutors wrote in court documents filed this week, which asked the judge to authorize transferring the .45 Long Colt revolver, ammunition and other evidence collected from the film set to a ballistics expert for forensic testing. "It appears that these notches may have been partially removed or ground down so that they are less prominent."

The development comes a month after prosecutors dropped the criminal case against Baldwin in Hutchins's October 2021 death. Citing unnamed sources, the Los Angeles Times reported at the time that prosecutors had recently learned about possible modifications to the gun.

Charges of involuntary manslaughter were initially brought against Baldwin and "Rust" armorer Hannah Gutierrez-Reed in late January, with prosecutors alleging that they failed to follow a number of safety measures. Both pleaded not guilty.

But parts of the prosecution began to collapse. The Santa Fe district attorney's office reduced the charges a month later, lessen-

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His usual? Venti-size roasting of execs.

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corporate nemeses to Washington to be pilloried for their alleged sins against the working class.

If they come willingly, he will pay them a compliment for doing so, as he did when his panel of pharmaceutical CEOs appeared before the committee last week. If they do not, he will make it known to the hearing room and the congressional record, as he did when he announced during a March hearing that former Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz "is with us this morning only under the threat of subpoena."

"In my view, Starbucks is breaking the law," Sanders later says in his office. He accuses the company of interfering with its workers' attempts to unionize — "of firing union leaders who have tried to organize, et cetera, et cetera," he says — which would violate the National Labor Relations Act. "We brought in Mr. Schultz to make it clear that the American people do not want to see corporations engage in union-busting," Sanders says. "And! Even more importantly! Just because you're a billionaire, you know what? You've got to obey the law, too." (Not to suggest that Sanders takes issue with the product itself: "French roast, dark roast," he says of his order. "I like the coffee. I just don't like the union-busting.")

At the March hearing, a capacity crowd of mostly pro-union Sanders fans had supplied the Schultz hearing (episode?) with a laugh track. They chuckled when the former Starbucks boss said, "I take offense with you categorizing me or Starbucks as a union-buster when that is not true." Some snickered when Sanders cut off Schultz mid-sentence. "Watching this billionaire sit there and be humiliated by Bernie Sanders is just incredible," Melissa Byrne, the grass-roots adviser to Sanders's 2020 presidential campaign, said after the hearing. "Let me watch Bernie eviscerate billionaires on the daily."

Not everyone's enjoying Sanders's programming. The CEOs, for one: Paul Hudson, chief executive of drug manufacturer Sanofi, was heard grumbling about the "kicking" Sanders had dealt him and his fellow chief executives before he climbed into a black SUV after his appearance last week. (A Sanofi spokesperson present at the hearing does not recall the interaction but adds that Hudson "believes Sen. Sanders was tough but balanced.")

Then, there are the Republicans on the committee. Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) accused Sanders of forcing insulin manufacturers "to promise to base their prices on bullying from a politician." Sen. Bill Cassidy (La.), the committee's top Republican, called Sanders's Starbucks hearing "a smear campaign."

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Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), left, shakes hands with former Starbucks chief executive Howard Schultz before a hearing at which the senator accused Schultz and the company as being union busters.

But this is Bernie's show, for now. He has plans for more hearings, more squirming CEOs. "In the not-too-distant future," Sanders says, he'd like to bring in "our friends in the insurance industry to explain to us why we are paying twice as much per capita, while year after year, they make huge profits."

He has been contemplating how jobs will be "radically transformed" by artificial intelligence and wants to bring "some of the big tech guys in here to tell us how they're going to share the benefits with their workers." He said he might even summon Amazon founder (and Washington Post owner) Jeff Bezos.

To be clear, Bernie Sanders is also angry, still. He's angry about the "e*noh*mous powah" of campaign contributions, the "*yuge* amounts of money" spent on lobbying. He's angry that drug companies still have record profits, that the CEOs are still billionaires, and that the American people "are paying the highest prices in the world by *faah*" for health care.

He recently published a book with the title, "It's OK to Be Angry About Capitalism," allowing fans to tap into Sanders's anger on demand. And for all the grinning and chuckling he's doing in his conference room, his expression at the hearings themselves alternates between an outraged glower and a bored-looking frown.

Nevertheless, the opportunity to be publicly angry at CEOs sparks its own kind of joy — appearing to provide the senator something akin to the rush he felt on the campaign trail, where he scowled on the stump in front of grateful fans. Those campaigns enabled Sanders to construct a massive soapbox, and "he spends a lot of time thinking through whether the platforms he's built up are still performing," says Faiz Shakir, Sanders's 2020 presidential campaign manager. "What the campaign was often giving him, on a daily basis, was reaching regular people about the fight he's trying to wage on their behalf. These hearings are like a campaign rally, but for policy."

"Look, yes, he is having fun," says Ari Rabin-Havt, a longtime Sanders aide. "But the joy is not the show — it's taking action on the issues he's cared about for his entire career."

Sanders can exert only so much pressure on drugmakers to lower their prices. When Sanders demanded that Stéphane Bancel, the chief executive of Moderna, reconsider the price of the company's coronavirus vaccine, he declined.

During his May 10 hearing on insulin prices, he received some assurances that prices would go down, but the progress was yet to be seen. "He didn't walk out of the hearing fist-bumping everyone," says Mike Casca, Sanders's communications director. "What's there to be happy about? Job's not finished." (Sanders said he would follow up with the pharma executives "when we all have a reunion" next year at another hearing.)

The senator can't force President Biden to visit a unionized Starbucks, either (though Sanders has asked him to do so, according to aides). As a legislator, he's up against the same limitations as Biden and the Democrats. Republicans control the House, which means the Senate bill that Sanders introduced to raise the federal minimum wage to $17 will almost certainly never become law. Same with Medicare-for-all — at least, in this Congress, which may be Sanders's last (he has not yet said whether he will run for reelection in 2024).

Sanders nevertheless says his HELP hearings have been, well, helpful. The senator considers it a win that he got the former Starbucks chief to say, over and over again, that he wasn't busting unions. "You know, he put that on the record," the senator says, grinning. Moderna's CEO might have declined Sanders's suggestion on vaccine prices, but the senator says he expects to see a stronger financial assistance program to help low-income patients access the vaccine. "And if that's the case, by the way, we will put pressure on other corporations to make their patient assistance programs more effective," the senator says.

"I'm excited about what we're doing and what we can do," he says as he stands up to leave the interview. "We're trying to do what we can."

Jolie's label promises more sustainable tack

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luxury. Jolie's brand seems aimed to disrupt that, if gently. "When you're using language in the fashion industry space — and by that I mean, this Western-centric and U.S. version of the fashion industry as we know it, with fashion month in New York and Paris and Milan and London — [like] 'atelier' and 'tailoring' and 'craftsmanship,' that codes to me as very high end," says Emma McClendon, a fashion historian and assistant professor of fashion studies at St. John's University in New York.

On the other hand, McClendon says, "consider how clothing is made around the world, and actually, this notion of engaging with textiles, engaging with tailors, getting custom-made stuff is not necessarily [in] the upper echelons of clothing production in other parts of the world." In many parts of Africa, China and India, it's neither unusual nor expensive to have a neighborhood tailor make your garments. Perhaps Atelier Jolie can offer "a more global perspective," says McClendon, showing "who has these skills and elevating them and giving them visibility."

Clothing brands are popular means for celebrities to trade on their names — everyone from Rihanna to Beyoncé to Kate Hudson to Tyler, the Creator has had their name on brand tag. But Atelier Jolie suggests the actress is not out to proselytize for her own sense of style. First, consider Jolie's status within the fashion industry itself; unlike Rihanna or the Olsens, she is not known as a fashion plate, instead choosing a wardrobe of neutral suiting separates by subdued luxury brands such as MaxMara and Michael Kors. In recent years, she's made headlines in the style world when her children have re-worn her gowns from past red carpet moments — a "vintage" style statement hinting at her own shifting perspective.

On the brand's website, Jolie declares an intention to "use only leftover, quality vintage material and deadstock." (Deadstock fabrics are excess materials unused by brands or mills.) That would put Atelier Jolie more in line with ethical luxury brands such as Bode and By Walid, which make pieces from antique textiles and quilts; and Marine Serre, a Paris-based designer who almost exclusively uses deadstock T-shirts, towels, and linens. This production model means that these brands are small — there is only so much old stuff to be made into newer goods. (Bode, by the American Emily Adams Bode Aujla, has expanded her business by adding reproduction garments to her lineup.) Neither is it cheap: a By Walid jacket can cost upward of $3,000.

For as popular as the term may be, sustainability remains a hard sell in fashion. (Notably, Jolie does not use it.) Businesses that emphasize recycled fabrics and upcycled deadstock may earn a lot of press, but they are up against a seemingly unstoppable machine of fast fashion, whose star brand, Shein, a business valued at $64 billion this year. When it comes to sustainable goods, consumers are often motivated by the same desires behind any other fashion purchase: a thirst for novelty. Can she get us to change our ways?

Perhaps McClendon says it best: "I'm going to be really disappointed if it's just a product roll out."

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Angelina Jolie, pictured in 2021, says her brand will "use only leftover, quality vintage material and deadstock."

A dinner guest resents having to help clean up

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

Dear Carolyn: My local family (multiple households) and I rotate hosting duties for holidays and gatherings. Most of the time they are small affairs, with just six to eight of us.

There seems to be a culture or expectation that even if we are guests at one of their homes, everyone pitches in to thoroughly clean up after the meals (in our nice clothes!). Everyone has their turn to host, so I am resentful when I am pulled into the group cleanup every single time. Can a guest not just be a guest? I feel annoyed that I cannot just sit there, lest it appear that I am being a selfish prima donna.

Are my frustrations unreasonable? And is there a way to be a traditional guest again in these family circles?

— Hostess With the Mostess Resentment,

NICK GALIFIANAKIS FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Hostess With the Mostess Resentment: No, and apparently not. You want something different, so your frustration is reasonable, but your family has its methods. All evidence says you are alone in this preference, so you eat it unless you can persuade them to adopt your methods.

That sounds like more work than a few dishes, but you're welcome to try by suggesting it, maybe one household at a time.

In your place, I'd surrender to the family custom — and direct your "elegant guest experience" efforts toward hosting a different crowd.

Dear Carolyn: In the past week, my husband has misplaced his vaccination card, a tape measure and a twist-tie. Each time his immediate reaction was, "What did you do with my X?" I've tried to explain why this is such an offensive way to approach this, and he says he's just "trying to find his stuff." Please help me explain to him how utterly insulting that language is. He sees nothing wrong with it.

— Blamed

Blamed: "You blame me when you lose things" is not an elusive concept. When the obvious doesn't get through to him, you have the option of making his phrasing so unproductive for him that his only choices are to suffer for it or abandon it.

The right tone depends on you two. "Burned it," "Flushed it," "Fed it to the dog" might work, or bomb. "Are you saying you misplaced something?" is a redirect that might be familiar to parents of toddlers. "Nothing," every single time for the rest of your lives together, might get through to him eventually.

If he's not otherwise entitled or obtuse, and if you know what he means and know he means no offense, then you can let a little poor phrasing go.

And if he *is* otherwise entitled or obtuse, then ding, ding, ding.

Readers' thoughts:

• "I hid it just so we could have this conversation for the millionth time."

• Listen, my husband blames me for letting it rain. I tell him it was his penalty for some other small idiotic thing. There's not much use in answering with anything other than, "The same place I put your brain."

• My dad's response to any of us six kids asking where something was: "I put it right back where you left it." :)

• My wife often decides to move something of mine to a better or more logical place, then I can't find it. So when I misplace something, my first reaction is, "Did she move it?" However, I've found a better phrasing: "I can't find my X; do you know where it is?" That gives her a chance to tell me where it is or to say no, without blaming. And sometimes the answer is, "It's in your right hand." (Yes, I've done that.)

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TELEVISION

WEEKEND TV HIGHLIGHTS

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The Equalizer (CBS at 8 on Sunday) A former CIA colleague of McCall's (Queen Latifah, right) is discovered alive and is determined to get revenge by abducting Dante, Harry and Mel (Liza Lapira, left).

SATURDAY

Love & Marriage: Huntsville (OWN at 8) Melody tries to soothe the tension between Keke and Tiffany; Stormi, Kimmi and Tisha discuss the tea party and Tiffany's unacceptable behavior; the group celebrates Martell's Upscale Magazine cover with his girlfriend.

MOVIES

Love to Love You, Donna Summer (HBO at 8) This documentary celebrates the career of legendary musician Donna Summer, featuring unseen home video footage and interviews with friends, family and colleagues.

SUNDAY

The Real Housewives of Atlanta (Bravo at 8) Drew is given the opportunity to perform with R&B artist Candiace Dillard-Bassett; Kandi tells Monyetta and Don Juan that Momma Joyce's harsh words at BravoCon upset Todd and their kids.

Succession (HBO at 9) The funeral of the business icon and domineering father Logan Roy arrives; Kendall is at odds with his ex-wife, Rava; Shiv tries to find grounding within a new political landscape.

The Blacklist (NBC at 10) Siya learns more about Meera's past while joining Red on a strange errand run; Congressman Hudson tries to coax a powerful friend to join his crusade against the task force.

PREMIERE

Ghosts of Beirut (Showtime at 10) This drama miniseries follows the global operation organized by the CIA and Israel's national intelligence agency Mossad to track down and eliminate terrorists.

FINALES

The Simpsons (Fox at 8) When Homer crashes his car, his life flashes between his eyes and a magical friend assists him to see the truth about his marriage.

Bob's Burgers (Fox at 9) Louise takes a class assignment personally; Bob hires an amateur masseur to massage Linda for Mother's Day.

NCIS: Los Angeles (CBS at 9) The team continues working the case with ATF regarding stolen military-grade weapons; Callen and Anna decide on a quick wedding.

Tom Jones on Masterpiece (PBS at 9) Tom's letter to Lady Bellaston threatens his relationship with Sophia; a swordfight digs Tom into a deeper hole as a secret emerges.

— Olivia McCormack

BROADCAST CHANNELS

5/20/23	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
4.1 WRC (NBC)	(4:30) ♦ **Pre..**	♦ Sports	♦ The Wall		♦ Weakest Link		♦ **Saturday Night Live**		♦ **News**	♦ SNL
4.2 WRC (IND)	Emergency!		Columbo				Columbo			
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	♦ **MLB Baseball** Seattle Mariners at Atlanta Braves (Live)						♦ **Fox 5 News at 10**		♦ **Fox 5 News**	♦ Farmer
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	♦ Wheel	♦ Jeopardy!	♦ **NBA**	♦ **NBA Basketball** Denver Nuggets at Los Angeles Lakers (Live)					♦ **News**	(:35) ♦ Home
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	♦ **Bensinger**	♦ Retirement	♦ NCIS: Los Angeles		♦ 48 Hours		♦ **48 Hours**		♦ **9 News**	♦ Magnum
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	♦ **Vecinos**	♦ **Vecinos**	♦ Movie: **Jack Reacher: Never Go Back** ★★ (2016)					♦ Familia	♦ Nosotr.	♦ **Noticiero**
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	♦ **Fox 5 News On the Plus**		♦ FamFeud	♦ Family Feud	♦ Mod Fam	♦ Mod Fam	♦ Movie: Memorial Day (2011)			
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	♦ Elvis Presley: '68 Comeback Special			♦ '70s Soul Superstars (My Music)					♦ Luther Vandross	
26.1 WETA (PBS)	♦ Academic	♦ Academic	♦ Asian Americans		♦ Asian Americans		♦ Finding Your Roots		♦ Academic	♦ Academic
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	♦ **Weekend**	♦ Journey	♦ American Masters				♦ Jazz Day-United		♦ Afropop: Cultural	
50.1 WDCW (CW)	♦ Friends	♦ Friends	♦ **Masters of**	♦ Masters of	♦ **Weird**	♦ Weird	♦ **DC News Now**		♦ 9-1-1	
66.1 WPXW (ION)	♦ Law & Order: SVU		♦ Law & Order: SVU		♦ Law & Order: SVU		♦ Law & Order: SVU		♦ Law & Order: SVU	

CABLE CHANNELS

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A&E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		(:05) The First 48	
AMC	(5:15) Movie: San Andreas		Movie: Central Intelligence ★★ (2016) (P)					Movie: San Andreas ★★ (2015)		
Animal Planet	Extinct or Alive		Extinct or Alive		The Bond		Mysteries of the Deep		Mysteries of the Deep	
BET	(6:00) Movie: Next Friday		Movie: Friday After Next ★ (2002)				Movie: The Original Kings of Comedy ★★ (2000)			
Bravo	Below Deck Sailing Yacht		Movie: Kong: Skull Island ★★★ (2017) (P)					(:35) Movie: Kong: Skull Island ★★★		
Cartoon Network	King/Hill	King/Hill	King/Hill	King/Hill	Rick	Rick	Rick	American	American	American
CNN	**CNN Newsroom**		The 2010s		The 2010s				The 2000s	
Comedy Central	(6:00) Movie: Meet the Fockers ★★			Movie: Meet the Parents ★★★ (2000)					Movie: Superbad ★★★	
Discovery	Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown	
Disney	(:55) Miraculous: Ladybug		Movie: Big Hero 6 ★★★ (2014)			Saturdays	Saturdays	(:35) Marvel's	Kiff	Molly McGee
E!	(5:30) Movie: Sex and the City 2 ★★			Movie: Sex and the City ★★ (2008)						Movie
ESPN	SportsCenter		**Boxing**				**SportsCenter** (Live)		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	**Softball** NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA (Live)				**Softball** NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA (Live)				**College Softball**	
Food Network	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive
Fox News	Gutfeld!		**One Nation**		To Be Announced		**Lawrence Jones**		One Nation	
Freeform	Movie	(:45) Movie: Aladdin ★★★ (1992)				(:50) Movie: Minions ★★ (2015)				
FX	(5:00) Movie: Fast & Furio...		Movie: The Fate of the Furious ★★ (2017)						Movie: White Men Can't ...	
Hallmark	(6:00) Movie: The Secret...		Movie: Love in Zion National: A National Park Romance				Movie: Autumn in the City (2022)			
Hallmark M&M	Gourmet Detective Mysteries				Movie: The Jane Mysteries: Inheritance Lost (2023)				Murder, She Wrote	
HBO	(5:55) Movie: Tina (2021)		Movie: Love to Love You, Donna Summer			(:50) Movie: House Party ★★ (2023)				Movie
HGTV	Love It or List It		Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	**Hunters**	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
History	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens: Declassified							
Lifetime	(6:00) Movie: Do You Tru...		Movie: The Man With My Husband's Face (2023) (P)				(:05) Movie: My Husband's Killer Girlfriend (2021)			
MASN	(6:00) **FanDuel** (Live)		**3 Wide Life**	2023	Wall to Wall Baseball		Fight Sports WCK		MMA	
MSNBC	**American Voices** (Live)		**Ayman** (Live)		**Ayman** (Live)		American Voices		Ayman	
MTV	Movie	(:35) Movie: Scream 2 ★★★ (1997)						Movie: Scream 3 ★★ (2000)		
Nat'l Geographic	To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler		**Smuggler**	**Smuggler**	**To Catch a Smuggler**		To Catch a Smuggler	
NBC SportsNet WA	**NWSL Soccer** Washington Spirit at Orlando Pride (Live)				Basketball New York Liberty at Washington Mystics				Fairways of Life	
Nickelodeon	(6:30) Movie: Hotel Transylvania ★★			Erin & Aaron	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NWSN	**NewsNation Prime** (Live)		**NewsNation Prime** (Live)		**NewsNation Prime** (Live)		NewsNation Prime		NewsNation Prime	
PARMT	(6:00) Movie: White House Down ★★ (2013)				Movie: The Day After Tomorrow ★★ (2004)					
Syfy	(6:30) Movie: Sicario ★★★ (2015)				(:15) Movie: The Wolverine ★★ (2013)					
TBS	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	I Survived Bear Grylls	
TCM	(5:00) Movie: It's a Mad,...		Movie: Casablanca ★★★★ (1942)				Movie: Jezebel ★★★ (1938)			
TLC	Match Me Abroad		90 Day: Other		90 Day: Other		90 Day: Other		90 Day: Other	
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USA Network	(6:15) Movie: The Lost World: Jurassic Park ★★ (1997)				(:15) Movie: Jurassic Park III ★★ (2001)				(:15) Movie: Jurassic Park	
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LEGEND: Bold indicates new or live programs ♦ High Definition Movie Ratings (from TMS) ★★★★ Excellent ★★★ Good ★★ Fair ★ Poor No stars: not rated

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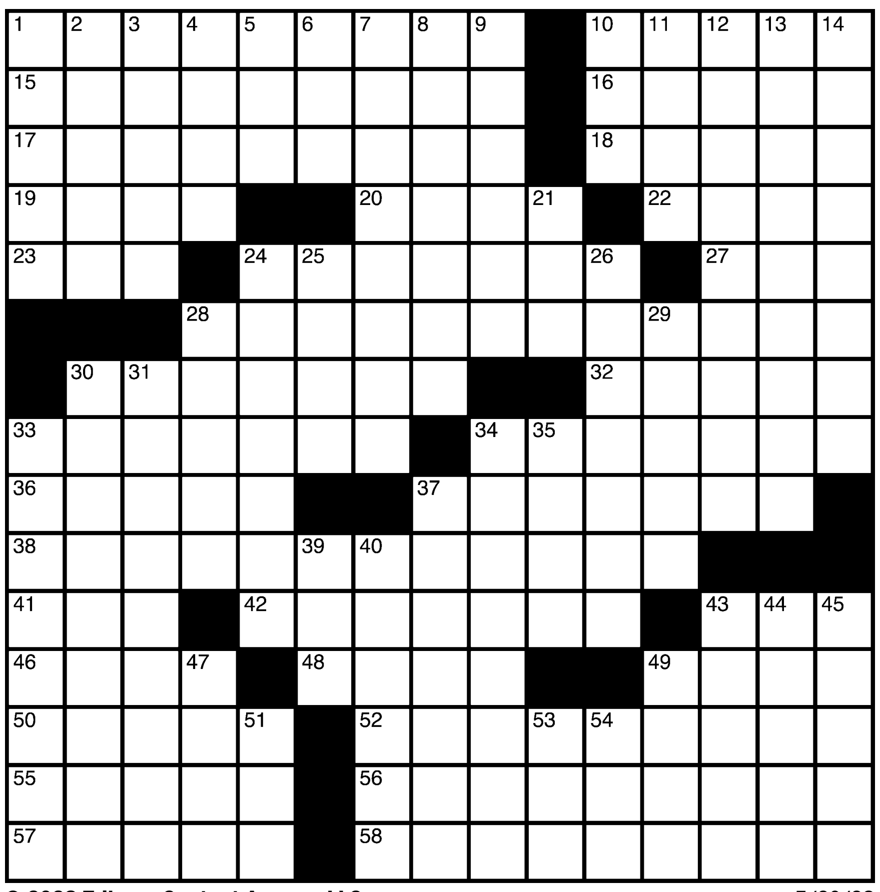
By Kate Chin Park



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10 Best effort
15 Request for multifactor authentication?
16 Gurira who plays Okoye in the MCU
17 Collective noun?
18 Choose to join
19 Hook, in journalism lingo
20 Quench
22 Deadly septet
23 Chicane shape, on some racetracks
24 "Well played"
27 Violent figure of Egyptian mythology
28 Explorer's code, hopefully
30 Twisted
32 Birthplace and subject of writer Vu Trong Phung
33 "Mais oui"
34 Seneca Falls Convention figure
36 Alpaca habitat
37 Tutsi or Hutu
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41 Chats privately, briefly
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43 FD employee
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48 Permafrost concern
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55 Nosh
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57 Composition
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1 Tall, sappy type
2 Clambake debris
3 Starts to slip
4 Curly cruciferous commodity
5 Garten of earthly delights
6 "She Said" paper, briefly
7 Runs past
8 Took off
9 "Doogie Kamealoha, M.D." star __ Elizabeth Lee
10 Stir
11 Breaks
12 Evil Christmas figure such as Krampus
13 State cat in New England
14 "On the Electrodynamics of Moving Bodies" author
21 Brian who said ambient music "must be as ignorable as it is interesting"
24 Prepares
25 Island with a state capital
26 Some fracking byproducts
28 Summer material
29 Chilling episode?
30 Vintage collections
31 Logo overhauls, e.g.
33 Label for some musicians?
34 Most satisfying, as a victory
35 They may be fake
37 Chile __: stuffed dish
39 Bucharest's nat.
40 Cried out for
43 Runner in ancient African cave art
44 Funk saxophonist Parker
45 Chirp
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53 Degree of difficulty?
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FRIDAY'S LA TIMES SOLUTION

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Ford tears up about final 'Indy' film

FORD FROM C1

shaws through the phenomenally narrow streets of Tangier in Morocco and dodging flying spears from ancient Romans, as well as bullets from Nazis. Critics were mixed on the new Indy edition, which introduces Waller-Bridge as the artifact-seeking daughter of Indy's British associate Basil Shaw (Toby Jones), who seems to be seeking out an ancient Greek time traveling device for mercenary reasons, but whose real motivation is, of course, finishing her father's legacy. Variety called it a "rather joyless piece of nostalgic hokum." The Hollywood Reporter said it looks "glaringly fake." The audience at my 8:30 a.m. Friday screening, who'd fought their way through an organizational debacle that left many ticket-holders outside in the rain while filling the theater with non ticket-holders, seemed to have a perfectly enjoyable time. An American critic, commenting on his grouchy colleagues from the night before, remarked: "It's perfectly fun! It's like they forgot that it's not supposed to be Kubrick!"

And Ford didn't seem to care about the reviews at all. The actor was beaming at the post-premiere party for the movie, which had plentiful tables of elaborate finger food and walls painted to look like vistas in Morocco. He stayed late in a protected VIP area, clapping backs, shaking hands and giving every well-wisher a few minutes of his time, which included Disney president Bob Iger, Karlie Kloss and Gemma Chan from "Crazy Rich Asians," while Waller-Bridge had animated conversations on a nearby banquette, punctuating her points with the lit cigarette in her hand.

Ford's good mood, mixed with a lot of choking up, continued to the news conference, particularly in an exchange with Australian journalist Helen Barlow, who declared to the actor, "I think you're still very hot." She then asked him about a scene he does with his shirt off, displaying still-got-it eight-pack abs. How does he stay fit, and can he ride a horse?

Ford: "Yeah, I can ride a horse, if they let me. Thank you. I forgot everything up to 'Can you ride a horse.'"

Mangold helped out, asking what he does to stay in shape.

Ford broke into a cheeky Indiana Jones grin, leaned into his microphone and whispered, "Look, I have been blessed with this body." Ford waited a beat till the laughter had died down before delivering his kicker.

"Thanks for noticing."

SEBASTIEN NOGIER/EPA-EFE/SHUTTERSTOCK

Harrison Ford and James Mangold at the "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny" news conference on Friday.

The film will have its worldwide opening on June 30, but this two-screening run in Cannes really felt like a Harrison Ford appreciation tour. Just as Ford was thanking his fans, so many more of them were there to thank him. "Indiana Jones" isn't in competition at the festival; it's there for pure entertainment, a gift to moviegoers who likely grew up on Ford's films and were willing to brave crowds and long hours in high heels to say they were there, that they got to see Ford's final turn as Indy a month and a half before the rest of the world.

At the news conference, one by one, the actors and Mangold seemed to be pouring out their appreciation to Ford and the franchise. "I saw 'Raiders of the Lost Ark' when I was 17 years old in an Upstate New York mall on opening day and it's one of the reasons I'm a movie director," said Mangold. Shaunette Renée Wilson ("Black Panther"), who plays a '70s CIA agent, talked about the films being her introduction to American culture, as a Guyanese immigrant. Boyd Holbrook, who plays a Nazi henchman, explained that the films had inspired so many people to want to make movies. "But before I wanted to be an actor," he said, "I wanted to be Indiana Jones."

Mostly, though, the news conference was Ford being touchingly reflective and grateful. He talked about why he'd rejected so many versions of the script before this one. It was because he wanted a completion of the five films that seemed worthy of the franchise. "I wanted to see this man who depended so much on his youth and vigor of youth — I wanted to see the weight of life on him. I wanted to see him require reinvention and support and I wanted him to have a relationship that was not a normal kind of flirty movie relationship," said Ford.

When the script and the cast came together with Mangold directing, that's when it felt like destiny, he said. "Everything is coming together to support me in my old age," he said. "And I love the work. So I just want to work and I want to tell stories." Then he choked up again talking about how much of themselves everyone had poured into the film. (*Awww*, said the journalists around me.)

He looked back on how he almost hadn't been cast as Indy in the first place, and how his success doesn't really have to do with talent so much as luck — because so many talented actors never get their shot. "My luck has been to work with incredibly talented people, to find my way in to this crowd of geniuses and not get my a-- kicked out when I didn't do as well as I wanted to," he said.

He talked about whether he's keeping the hat from the movie. (No, it's being auctioned for charity. He has one from past films, but it's really the experiences he treasures.)

He laughed off a journalist's suggestion that he might have one more Indiana Jones film in him. "Is it not evident?" he said, to a roar from the crowd. "I need to sit down and rest a little bit. But I love work. And I love this character and I love what it brought into my life."

And when a reporter asked him how he felt seeing a younger version of himself in some of the movie, he marveled at the technology, but didn't get nostalgic. The Indy who fights the Nazis in World War II is crafted from actual footage of Ford that Lucasfilm has archived over the years. And while it was a marvel to see, Ford is okay still being 80.

"I'm very happy with it, but I don't look back and say, 'I wish I was that guy again.' Because I don't," he said, just before leaving the news conference and encountering some 300 fans who'd gathered in the hallway awaiting his departure. Ford stuck around for as many minutes as he could, signing autographs and taking selfies.

"You know what? I'm real happy with age," he said, concluding, "I love being older."

Prosecutors seek further testing on 'Rust' gun

GUN FROM C1

ing the potential jail time. It dropped them altogether for Baldwin in April.

The criminal case against Gutierrez-Reed is ongoing. The armorer is suing the movie's ammunition supplier for allegedly providing live ammunition to the film set.

According to court documents, Gutierrez-Reed's attorney, Jason Bowles, has no opposition to the prosecutors' motion to transfer the gun. If it is found to have been modified, it could bolster Baldwin's contention that he never pulled the trigger when it discharged, despite FBI tests and expert skepticism claiming otherwise.

The bullet struck two people on set with Baldwin during a rehearsal for the western film, killing Hutchins and wounding director Joel Souza.

Special prosecutors Kari T. Morrissey and Jason J. Lewis joined the case in March after district attorney Mary Carmack-Altwies stepped down.

While it remains uncertain whether a new case could be brought against Baldwin, he faces other legal challenges.

On Feb. 9, Hutchins's family in Ukraine filed a lawsuit against him and others involved in production, alleging battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligence and loss of consortium, which refers to the impact of Hutchins's personal relationships caused by her death. Three former crew members sued Baldwin and the film's producers the same month, asking for damages for "blast injuries" they say they suffered when the gun fired.

In a counterclaim he filed for a previous lawsuit in October, Baldwin is suing Gutierrez-Reed and others associated with the film for giving him the loaded gun that killed Hutchins. The suit "seeks to clear his name" and hold the defendants "accountable for their misconduct."

"Rust" filming resumed in April, the same day prosecutors said charges against Baldwin would be dropped. Production moved from its original location in New Mexico to a ranch in Montana.

Baldwin posted a selfie to Instagram this week to celebrate the last day of filming, after shaving off the beard he grew for the western.

ANDRES LEIGHTON/AP

A musician plays a violin behind photograph of cinematographer Halyna Hutchins during a vigil in her honor in Albuquerque in October 2021.

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John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 1:25-5:00-8:35-9:35
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:00-1:00-3:15-4:15-6:30-7:30-9:45-10:45
Hypnotic (R) CC: 8:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 12:10-2:30-4:50-7:15-10:50
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 11:35-4:45-7:20-9:55
Polite Society (PG-13) CC: 5:25
It Ain't Over (PG) CC: 11:00-6:05
Air (R) CC: 11:10-1:55-4:35-7:30-10:10
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 7:40-10:05
Fast X: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:50-8:00-11:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 12:30-3:45-7:00-10:15
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Polite Society (PG-13) OC: 12:15
It Ain't Over (PG) OC: 3:30
Evil Dead Rise (R) OC: 5:15
Fool's Paradise (R) OC: 2:50
Fast X (PG-13) OC: 2:55

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - DC Bryant Street
630 Rhode Island Ave NE

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BlackBerry (R) 3:20-7:20-10:40
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 11:45-6:00-9:00
Master Gardener (R) 1:00-4:20-7:40-10:55
BlackBerry (R) OC: 12:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 11:00AM
Fast X (PG-13) 11:30-3:15-7:00-10:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) OC: 3:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 1:45-4:40-6:40

Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market
550 Penn Street NE - Unit E

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:45-12:45-2:45-3:45-7:00-9:00; 6:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:00-2:20-4:45-7:15-9:40

Avalon Theatre
5612 Connecticut Avenue

Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:00-2:20-4:45-7:15
Exhibition on Screen: Vermeer - The Greatest Exhibition 10:30AM

Landmark Atlantic Plumbing Cinema
807 V Street Northwest

Fast X (PG-13) 1:00-1:30-2:00-3:30-4:00-5:00-6:30-7:00-8:00-9:20-9:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 1:10-2:10-4:10-5:10-7:10-8:10-10:10
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 1:20-4:50-7:20-9:30

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street Northwest

Barbarella (1968) (PG) 11:55
The Room (2003) (R) 11:55
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:10-7:10-10:10
The Eight Mountains 11:55-10:10
Beau Is Afraid (R) 3:05-6:40
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 1:40-7:30-9:55
It Ain't Over (PG) 1:25-3:55-7:20-9:45
BlackBerry (R) 12:40-3:25-7:05-9:40
Monica (R) 12:55-3:20-7:40-10:05
Master Gardener (R) 1:10-3:30-7:10-9:30
The Starling Girl (R) 12:25-2:55-6:55-9:25
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 3:40
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 4:10

Regal Gallery Place
701 Seventh Street Northwest

Fast X (PG-13) 12:20-3:40-7:00-10:30
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 2:50-9:25
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Giovanni 12:55
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:10-11:40-12:10-3:10-4:10-5:10-6:10-6:40-7:40-8:40-10:10
Hypnotic (R) 2:20-5:20-7:50
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 11:05-1:50-4:40-7:20-9:50
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 12:10-3:10-6:10-9:10
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 11:20-2:10-4:55-7:55-10:40
Evil Dead Rise (R) 11:50-6:50
Fool's Paradise (R) 11:30AM
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) 10:20
Fast X (PG-13) 11:00-2:00-3:00-5:30-6:00-6:30-7:30-9:00-9:30-10:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 1:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:40-9:40

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road

The Petrified Forest (1936) (NR) 2:45
Life Is Cheap... But Toilet Paper Is Expensive (NR) 7:00
Employees' Entrance (1933) (NR) 1:00
Documentary Film Program (NR) 5:15-7:15
Lions Love (... and Lies) (NR) 4:40
Thunder on the Hill (NR) 11:05AM
The Doom Generation (R) 9:00
BlackBerry (R) 9:05
Polite Society (PG-13) 11:00-6:45
R.M.N. 1:10
The Eight Mountains 3:50
Exhibition on Screen: Vermeer - The Greatest Exhibition 3:20
Other People's Children 1:05-9:20
Gold Diggers of 1933 (1933) (NR) 11:00AM

AMC Academy 8
6198 Greenbelt Road

Fast X (PG-13) CC: 1:00-2:00-4:00-4:45-5:15-7:00-8:30-10:00-10:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:10-6:45-9:50
Hypnotic (R) CC: 5:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 1:30-4:20-7:30-10:10
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 2:15-8:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 2:10-7:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 1:45-4:30-7:10-9:40

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1020 Annapolis Mall Road

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John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 3:15-6:50-10:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 10:00-12:20-1:20-3:40-4:40-7:00-8:00-10:20-11:20
Hypnotic (R) CC: 10:00-12:50-11:40
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 10:00-11:20-1:45-4:10-6:40-9:05
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 10:50-1:40-4:30-7:10-9:45
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 12:20-2:45-5:10-7:40-10:10-11:45
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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 11:10-2:40-6:00-9:20
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AMC Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd.

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John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 12:50-3:50-6:50-10:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:20-4:10-7:10-10:00
Hypnotic (R) CC: 6:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 1:10-4:30-7:40-10:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 2:45-8:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:40-7:30-10:20

AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway

John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 11:25-3:10-7:05-9:50
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Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 1:00-3:40-6:25-9:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Giovanni 12:55
BlackBerry (R) CC: 7:00
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 5:10-7:35-10:10
Sisu (R) CC: 2:35-7:35
Fast X: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 12:00-3:30-7:00-10:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) CC: 11:15-1:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 11:00-1:40-4:20-7:00-9:45
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 11:30-1:00-4:30-6:30-8:00-9:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 12:10-3:40-7:10
Fast X (PG-13) OC: 3:00

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Fast X (PG-13) CC: 11:30-3:00-6:30-10:00
Hypnotic (R) CC: 10:30-1:00-3:30-6:00-8:30-11:00
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John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 11:05-2:55-6:45-10:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 10:00-11:00-1:45-2:30-5:15-6:15-8:45-9:45
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 10:15-1:15-4:00-6:45-9:30
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 9:30
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 12:00-2:45-5:30-8:15-11:00
Master Gardener (R) 11:00-1:45-7:30
Fast X: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 12:30-4:00-7:30-11:00
The Kerala Story (Hindi) 12:00-3:15-6:30-10:00
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 5:30
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) CC: 8:00
Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R) CC: 11:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) CC: 11:30-2:00-4:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 11:45-3:20-6:45-10:15
Over My Dead Body 4:30-10:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 10:20-1:15-4:15-7:00-9:45
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 10:00-11:00-12:00-1:30-2:30-5:00-6:00-7:00-8:30-9:30-10:30
Carmen (R) OC: 10:45AM
Fast X (PG-13) OC: 3:30

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The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 10:45-1:15-3:45-6:15-10:15
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Evil Dead Rise (R) 5:30-8:15

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800 Shoppers Way

John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 1:30-6:15-10:00
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 12:30-2:00-3:45-5:30-7:00-8:45-9:45-10:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 3:15-6:45-9:30
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 1:00
Chevalier (PG-13) CC: 1:30-5:15
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Giovanni 12:55
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:10-2:30-4:20-6:00-7:00-9:30-10:15
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Big George Foreman (PG-13) CC: 3:40-6:45
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AMC Montgomery 16
7101 Democracy Boulevard

Fast X (PG-13) CC: 12:00-12:45-1:45-2:30-3:30-4:15-5:15-7:00-7:45-8:45-9:30-10:30
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) CC: 12:45-9:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:00-1:00-2:00-3:30-4:30-5:30-7:00-8:00-9:00-10:30
Hypnotic (R) CC: 12:05-6:05
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 12:15-2:45-4:15-7:45-10:15
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 1:45-4:30-7:15-10:15
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 12:30
It Ain't Over (PG) CC: 4:45-7:15
Rally Road Racers (PG) 2:15-4:00
BlackBerry (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-6:30-9:45
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 6:45-8:45
Air (R) CC: 3:20-9:15
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 5:15-7:05
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 12:15-3:00-5:45-8:30-9:45
Fast X (PG-13) OC: 6:00

Cinemark Egyptian 24 and XD
7000 Arundel Mills Circle

Fast X (PG-13) XD: 9:45-1:00-4:15-7:30-10:45; 11:50-3:10-6:30-9:50; 10:15-10:30-11:15-11:20-12:05-12:30-1:30-1:50-2:30-2:40-3:25-3:45-4:45-5:10-5:30-5:45-6:00-6:45-7:00-8:00-9:00-9:20-10:05-10:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) XD: 11:45-3:30-7:15-11:00; 9:30-10:10-11:00-12:35-2:00-2:45-4:20-5:05-5:50-6:35-8:05-8:50-9:35-10:20
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 10:20-1:05-3:55-6:40-9:25
Evil Dead Rise (R) 11:45-2:20-5:00-7:45-10:25
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 1:20
Simhadri (Telugu) (2003) 9:30
Fast X (PG-13) 10:30; 9:45-1:00-4:15-7:30-10:45
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Giovanni 12:55
Rally Road Racers (PG) 10:40-1:10
BlackBerry (R) 9:40AM
Anni Manchi Sakunamule 6:15-9:50
Sisu (R) 10:00-12:30-3:00
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) 8:30
Bichagadu 2 2:25-9:30
Pichaikkaran 2 10:55-6:00
2018 (Malayalam) 3:40-7:20-10:50
Fast X (PG-13) 11:50-3:10-6:30-9:50
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 12:10-3:20-6:55-10:10
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 11:30-3:15-7:05-10:55
Hypnotic (R) 3:35-7:10-9:40
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 9:35-9:50-10:05-10:25-11:10-12:05-12:55-1:40-2:35-4:10-5:05-6:50-7:35-9:25

Cinépolis Gaithersburg
629 Center Point Way

Fast X (PG-13) 11:00-12:00-12:40-1:20-2:00-2:40-3:40-4:20-5:00-5:40-6:20-7:20-8:00-8:40-9:30-10:00-10:30-11:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:20-1:00-3:00-4:40-8:20-9:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 11:00-2:20-6:00-10:15
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 11:40-3:20-7:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 6:40

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue

Fast X (PG-13) 1:00-2:00-4:00-7:00-8:00-9:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 5:00-9:10; 1:10-4:15-7:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 1:05-3:10-5:15-7:20-9:00
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 1:20-3:45-6:30-9:30
Chevalier (PG-13) 1:45-6:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 1:30-3:45-6:20-9:45
Master Gardener (R) 1:50-4:30-7:10-10:00
Air (R) 4:10

Landmark at Annapolis Harbour Center
2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 1:15-1:45-2:15-3:30-4:25-5:30-6:30-7:30-8:30-9:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 1:20-3:50-7:15-9:25
Fast X (PG-13) 1:00-2:00-4:00-5:10-6:15-7:00-8:10-9:20-10:00
Hypnotic (R) 5:25
Love Again (PG-13) 1:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 1:40-4:15-7:10-9:40
Air (R) 1:10-3:40-7:30-9:55

Old Greenbelt Theatre
129 Centerway

Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 5:15-7:45
Master Gardener (R) 5:00-7:30

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6
3899 Branch Avenue

Fast X (PG-13) 11:00-12:00-1:00-2:00-3:00-4:00-5:00-6:00-7:00-8:00-9:00-10:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:15-2:30-6:05-9:35
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 1:00-3:30-6:05-8:15
Evil Dead Rise (R) 1:30-4:00
Big George Foreman (PG-13) 6:30-9:30

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive

Fast X (PG-13) 10:15-10:45-11:30-1:00-1:30-2:00-2:45-4:15-4:45-5:15-6:00-6:30-7:30-8:00-8:30-9:15-9:45-10:45-11:15
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 10:05-1:20-4:40-7:55
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 10:30-2:20-6:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Giovanni 12:55
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 10:30-11:15-12:15-12:45-1:15-2:05-2:50-3:45-4:20-4:50-5:30-6:15-7:15-7:45-8:15-8:55-9:50-10:10-10:50-11:15
Hypnotic (R) 4:25-6:50-9:35
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 10:55-1:25-4:00-6:40-9:10
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 10:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 11:40-2:30-5:20-8:10-11:00
The Pope's Exorcist (R) 11:05
BlackBerry (R) 10:00-1:05-4:55-7:50-10:55
Evil Dead Rise (R) 12:20-3:00-5:40-8:20-11:00
Anni Manchi Sakunamule 10:10-1:50-5:25-9:00
Fast X: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 12:30-3:45-7:00-10:15
Fool's Paradise (R) 1:35
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) 10:40AM
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 11:45-6:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 3:20

Regal Germantown
20000 Century Boulevard

Fast X (PG-13) 11:35-12:10-12:40-1:20-2:50-3:30-4:10-4:50-5:40-6:10-6:50-7:30-8:20-9:20
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 2:10-5:50-9:30
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Giovanni 1:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:40-12:20-12:50-1:40-3:00-4:20-5:20-6:20-7:00-7:50-8:40-9:40
Hypnotic (R) 9:25
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 11:45-2:00-4:30-7:10-9:35
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10
Anni Manchi Sakunamule 1:30-5:00-8:50
Fool's Paradise (R) 11:30AM
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 3:40

Regal Hyattsville Royale
6505 America Blvd.

Fast X (PG-13) 11:30-12:20-1:00-1:40-2:50-3:50-4:20-5:00-6:10-7:10-7:50-8:30-9:30-10:30
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 12:15-4:10-8:40
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Fool's Paradise (R) 12:10-3:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:20-7:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 3:30

Regal Laurel Towne Centre
14716 Baltimore Avenue

Fast X (PG-13) 11:00-12:00-12:30-1:45-2:30-3:30-4:00-5:10-6:30-7:00-7:30-8:00-8:40-10:00-10:30-11:00-11:20
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 3:00-6:40-10:45
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Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:40-3:40
Evil Dead Rise (R) 2:00-7:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:45

Regal Rockville Center
199 East Montgomery Avenue

Fast X (PG-13) 11:20-11:50-12:20-1:50-2:50-3:50-4:20-4:50-5:20-6:20-6:50-7:20-7:50-8:25-8:50-9:50-10:20-10:50-11:20
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Air (R) 11:00-1:40-4:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 12:10
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Regal UA Snowden Square
9161 Commerce Center Drive

Fast X (PG-13) 12:50-4:20-7:50-11:20
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 6:30-10:00
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 5:20-9:20
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Love Again (PG-13) 11:40-2:40
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Regal Waugh Chapel & IMAX
1419 South Main Chapel Way

Fast X (PG-13) 10:30-11:00-11:30-1:40-2:10-2:40-5:00-5:30-6:00-7:40-8:10-8:40-9:10-11:00
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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:50-9:50
Fast X (PG-13) OC: 4:20

Regal Westview & IMAX
5243 Buckeystown Pike

Fast X (PG-13) 12:10-3:30-7:00-10:30
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Giovanni 12:55
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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 3:50

Xscape Theatres Brandywine 14
7710 Matapeake Business Drive

John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 10:50-2:20-6:20-9:50
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Evil Dead Rise (R) 11:50-2:30-5:10-7:40-10:00
Big George Foreman (PG-13) 1:55-7:05
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 10:00-1:20-4:50-8:10

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11830 Grand Park Avenue

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The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 12:00-4:30-7:30-10:15
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) (!) 11:15-4:45-7:45-11:00

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AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd.

Fast X (PG-13) CC: 12:00-12:50-3:20-4:10-6:40-7:30-10:00-10:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:20-3:30-3:40-7:00-9:15-10:20
Hypnotic (R) CC: 11:35-4:40-11:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 11:30-1:50-4:20-6:50-9:50
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 12:30-6:00-10:20
Air (R) CC: 3:10-8:35
Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R) CC: 2:05-7:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 12:10-7:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 11:30-2:00-5:00-7:10-10:30

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd.

Fast X (PG-13) OC: 12:00-1:30; 11:00-5:30; 11:30-2:45-6:00-9:15
Hypnotic (R) CC: 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) CC: 4:00-10:00
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Love Again (PG-13) CC: 6:00
Chevalier (PG-13) CC: 1:15-7:15
BlackBerry (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Master Gardener (R) 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:15-10:00
Fast X: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 12:30-3:45-7:00-10:15
Sisu (R) CC: 6:15
Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R) CC: 12:00-3:00-8:45
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 3:30-8:45
Nefarious (R) CC: 1:45-7:00
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) CC: 12:30-10:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 11:30-3:00-6:30-10:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:15-10:00
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 2:15-3:15-4:45-6:30-8:00-8:45-9:45

AMC Potomac Mills 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle

Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) CC: 4:40-10:40
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 12:00-3:30-7:00-10:30
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 1:10-3:45-6:20
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 11:10AM
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 11:20-3:10-6:50-10:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:15-1:15-3:45-4:45-7:15-8:10-10:45-11:30
Hypnotic (R) CC: 11:10-1:45-4:15-6:45-9:10-11:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 11:00-1:20-3:45-6:10-8:30-10:50
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Fast X: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:30-8:00-11:30
Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R) CC: 8:30
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 7:20
Carmen (R) CC: 9:50
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) CC: 5:30-11:20
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) CC: 11:45-5:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 11:15-2:45-6:15-9:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 11:00-1:40-4:20-7:00-9:40
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 11:00-11:30-12:30-2:30-3:00-4:00-6:00-6:30-7:30-8:30-9:00-9:30-10:00-11:00
Carmen (R) OC: 2:10
Fast X (PG-13) OC: 5:00; 1:45

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2772 South Randolph St.

Fast X (PG-13) CC: 11:00-12:20-1:40-3:40-4:50-7:00-8:00-9:10-10:20
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Air (R) CC: 11:20-5:00-11:05
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 1:30-7:40
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 11:10-2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10

AMC Tysons Corner 16
7850e Tysons Corner Center

Fast X (PG-13) OC: 2:45
It Ain't Over (PG) OC: 5:10
Simhadri (Telugu) (2003) 7:10-10:50
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John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 11:00-3:05-7:00-10:45
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Giovanni 12:55
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 10:25-12:15-1:15-2:15-4:00-5:00-6:10-7:30-8:35-9:50-11:00
Hypnotic (R) CC: 6:35-9:10
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Sisu (R) CC: 1:45
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 10:30
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) CC: 10:00-1:00-4:05
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) CC: 10:05-12:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 11:15-3:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 10:35-1:20-4:10-7:10-9:55
Fast X (PG-13) CC: 10:40-11:30-2:05-5:30-6:00-8:50-9:30

AMC Worldgate 9
13025 Worldgate Drive

Fast X (PG-13) CC: 10:00-12:45-1:45-4:00-5:30-7:15-8:00-9:00-10:00
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 11:15-3:30-6:15-9:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:15-2:30-4:30-7:30
Hypnotic (R) CC: 1:30-3:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 11:00-1:10-5:00-6:45-9:15
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 10:30-1:15-3:40-7:15
Ponniyin Selvan - Part Two (Tamil) 10:15-2:00-6:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 10:45-9:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter - Early Access Event (PG-13) CC: 11:30-3:45-6:30-9:30

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20575 East Hampton Plaza

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The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 9:10-11:05
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The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 11:15AM
BlackBerry (R) 7:40
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Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:40
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 1:00-3:10-4:45-6:20

Angelika Film Center Mosaic
2911 District Ave

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 10:30-12:30-2:15-3:45-7:05-8:30-10:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 10:40-1:45-4:15-6:30-8:45
The Eight Mountains 10:55AM
Master Gardener (R) 11:15-1:50-4:30-7:10-9:45
Air (R) 2:10-7:35
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) 10:10
Jackie I Am 21 4:45
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Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 10:50-1:30-4:10-6:45-9:15
The Starling Girl (R) 11:20-2:05-4:45-7:30-10:15

CMX Village 14
1600 Village Market Boulevard

Fast X (PG-13) OC: 3:45
Hypnotic (R) 6:00-8:30
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Giovanni 12:55
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 2:40-7:20-10:10
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Cinema Arts Theatre
9650 Unit 14 Main St.

Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 9:50-12:25-2:45-9:30
Somewhere in Queens (R) 10:00-12:15-2:25-7:20-9:35
It Ain't Over (PG) 9:55-12:20-2:20-7:00-9:10
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 9:40-12:00-2:30-9:40
BlackBerry (R) 9:45-12:05-2:35-7:40-10:00
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Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 4:55
It Ain't Over (PG) 4:40
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 5:00-7:30
BlackBerry (R) 5:05

Cinemark Centreville 12
6201 Multiplex Drive

Simhadri (Telugu) (2003) 5:30-9:30
Evil Dead Rise (R) 10:00-11:35-5:25-8:00-10:35
Anni Manchi Sakunamule 10:55-6:00-9:35
The Kerala Story (Hindi) 2:10
Bichagadu 2 2:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 4:00
2018 (Malayalam) 10:15
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Cinemark Fairfax Corner and XD
11900 Palace Way

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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) XD: 11:40-3:10-6:40-10:10
Hypnotic (R) 12:20-3:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) OC: 3:50
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Anni Manchi Sakunamule 2:50-6:25-10:00
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Medal of Honor Theater - NMMC
18900 Jefferson Davis Highway

We, the Marines (NR) 9:30-10:30-11:30-1:00-2:00-3:00-4:00

Regal Ballston Quarter
671 North Glebe Road

Fast X (PG-13) 11:30-12:30-1:30-2:50-3:50-4:50-5:20-6:10-7:10-8:10-8:40-9:30-10:30
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Regal Dulles Town Center
21100 Dulles Town Circle

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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:30-10:00
Fast X (PG-13) OC: 5:15

Regal Fairfax Towne Center
4110 West Ox Road

Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 1:40-7:10
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 11:00-6:00-9:50
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Regal Fox & IMAX
22875 Brambleton Plaza

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Custody (Telugu) 10:35-5:20
Fool's Paradise (R) 5:00
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Regal Kingstowne & RPX
5910 Kingstowne Towne Center

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Regal Manassas & IMAX
11380 Bulloch Drive

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Regal Springfield Town Center
6859 Springfield Mall

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Regal Virginia Gateway & RPX
8001 Gateway Promenade Place

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Smithsonian - Airbus IMAX Theater
14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway

Journey to Space (NR) 10:20-1:05-3:15
Aircraft Carrier: Guardian of the Seas 12:25
To Fly! (1976) (NR) 10:55-1:45
Blue Planet (Il pianeta azzurro) (NR) 11:30AM
The Dream is Alive (NR) 2:25

University Mall Theatres
10659-A Braddock Road

Fast X (PG-13) OC: 4:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 4:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) OC: 4:40
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The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 12:20-2:30-7:00-9:00
The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) 11:55

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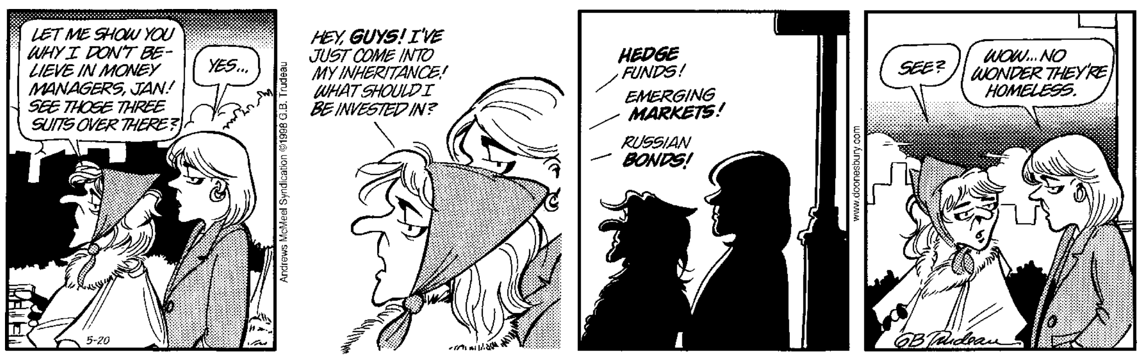
GARRY TRUDEAU



PICKLES
BRIAN CRANE

BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH
♠ 6 5 4
♥ A 7 6
♦ 9 7 2
♣ A Q 9 7

WEST
♠ Q J 10 9 8
♥ 4 3 2
♦ J 5
♣ 4 3 2

EAST
♠ K 2
♥ K 9 8
♦ Q 10 6 4 3
♣ K 6 5

SOUTH (D)
♠ A 7 3
♥ Q J 10 5
♦ A K 8
♣ J 10 8

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ Q

"Simple Saturday" columns focus on basic technique and logical thinking.

Beginners are taught to "return partner's lead." Indeed, not doing so is a near-felony. A shift is perilous: If you return partner's lead and it doesn't work well, unlucky; but if you switch and that's wrong, he may want to stake you to an anthill.

Today's West led the queen of spades against 3NT, and East correctly overtook with the king to get out of his partner's way. South played low. Since East wanted to avoid recriminations, he returned his last spade.

South won, lost a club finesse to East's king, won a diamond shift and lost a heart finesse. He won the next diamond and had nine tricks.

East should see that returning West's lead is futile. West can't have an entry to his spades; the deck doesn't have enough points. But if East shifts to a diamond at Trick Two (hoping West has the jack), careful defense beats the contract. East has the entries to set up and cash his own long suit.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ A 7 3 ♥ Q J 10 5
♦ A K 8 ♣ J 10 8

Your partner opens one heart, and you respond 2NT (a conventional forcing raise). He then bids three spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: After your 2NT, partner's three spades shows a spade singleton. The idea is to let you judge whether you have useful honors opposite his singleton. Here, the K-Q of spades would be wasted, but your ace is ideal. Cue-bid four diamonds to encourage slam. He may hold 2, A K 9 7 2, Q 5 4, A 9 5 3.

— Frank Stewart

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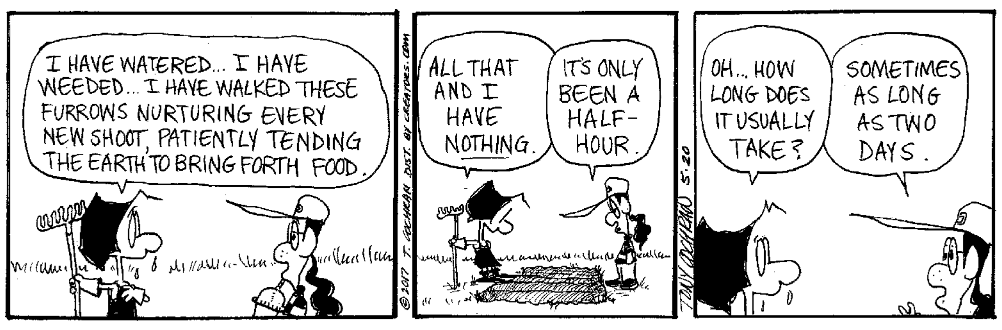
BRIAN BASSET

AGNES
TONY COCHRAN



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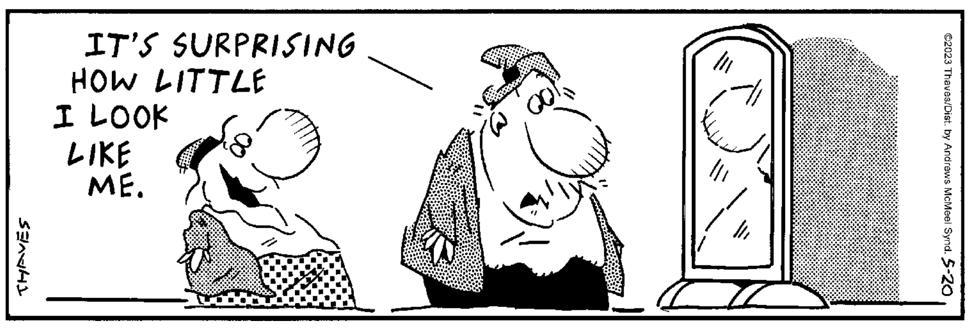

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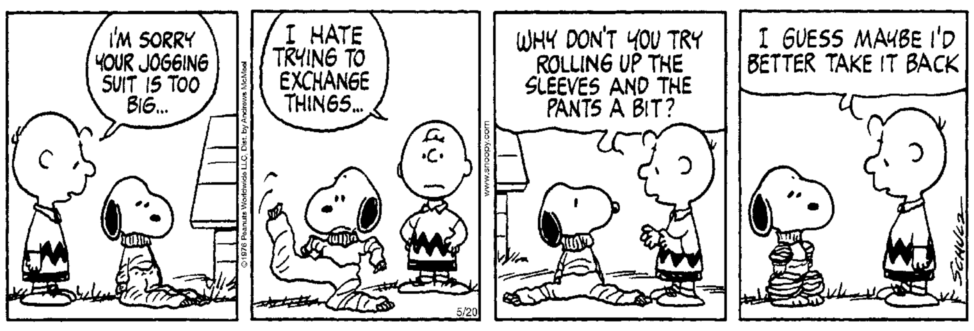

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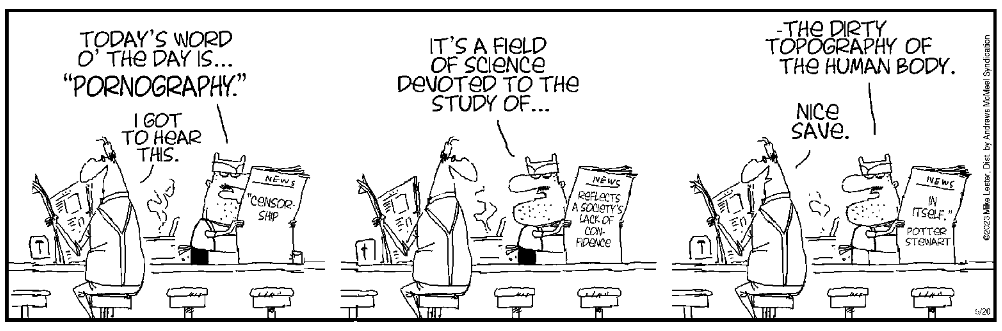

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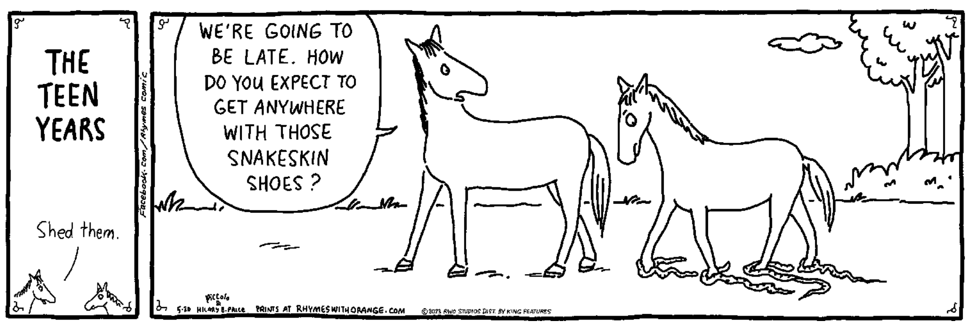

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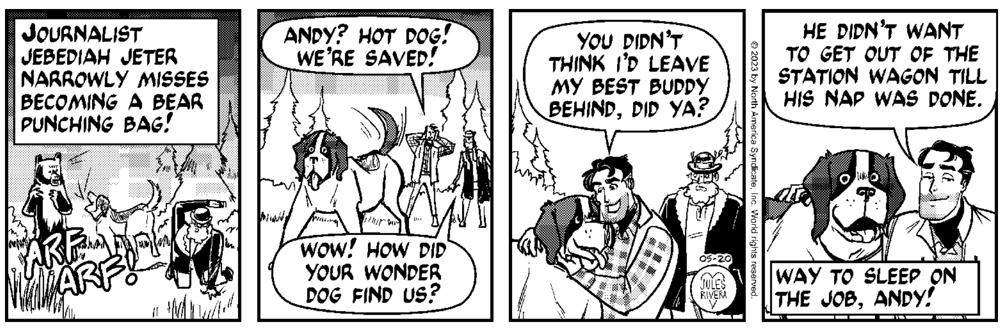

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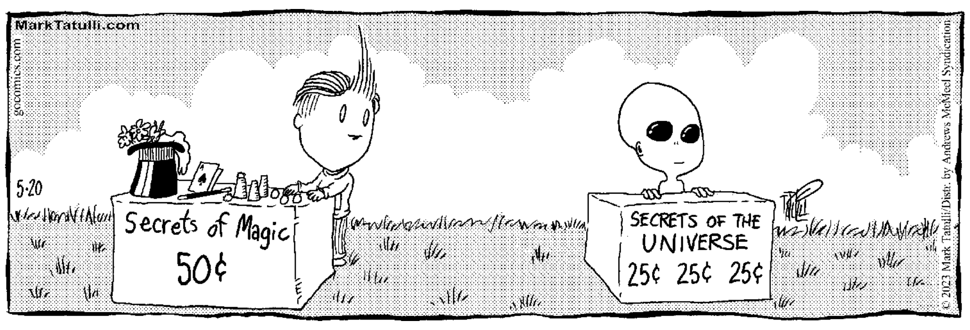

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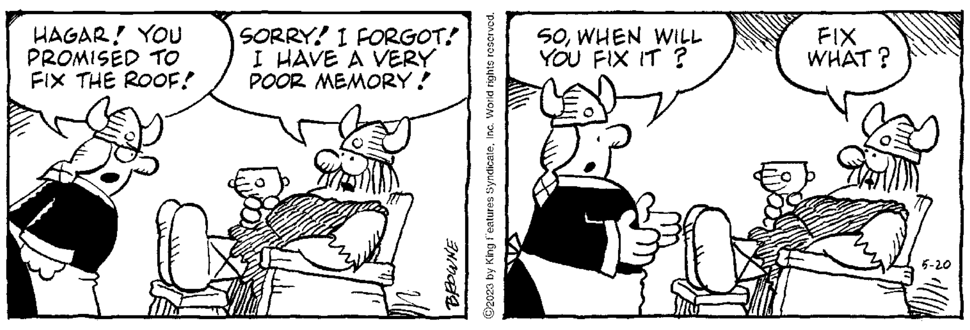
MIKE PETERS

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE
CHRIS BROWNE



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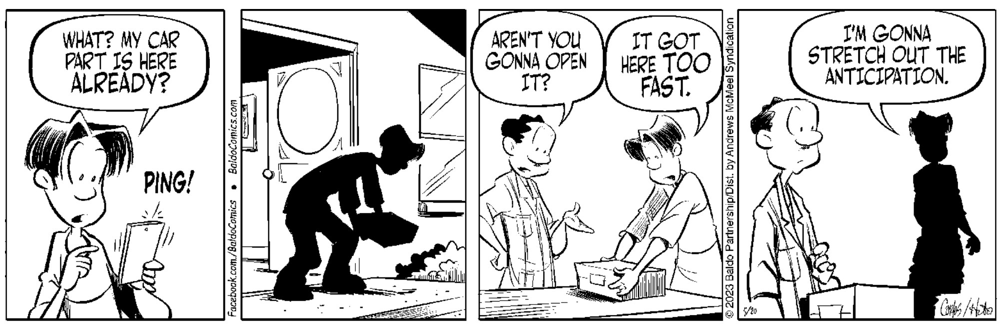

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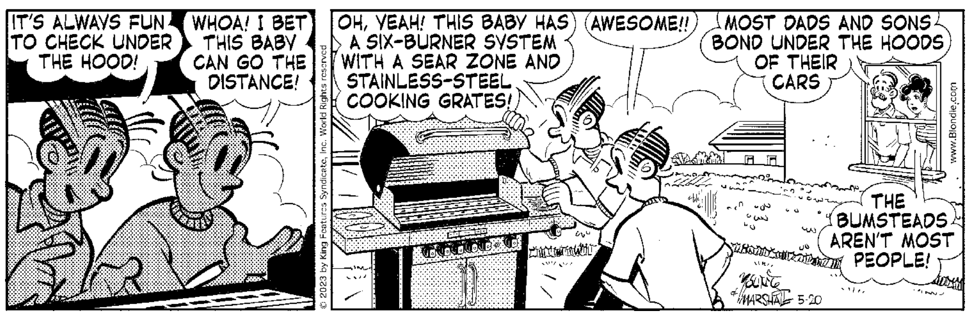

SALLY FORTH
FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE

SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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				8				9
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	2			3		9		
	3		2	1	7	5		

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★★

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RACK 1: A1 A1 I1 D2 R1 M3 B3

RACK 2: A1 I1 O1 N1 L1 B3 C3 — Double Word Score

RACK 3: A1 A1 E1 Y4 T1 N1 B3 — 2nd Letter Triple

RACK 4: A1 E1 E1 U1 R1 R1 K5

PAR SCORE 150-160
BEST SCORE 212

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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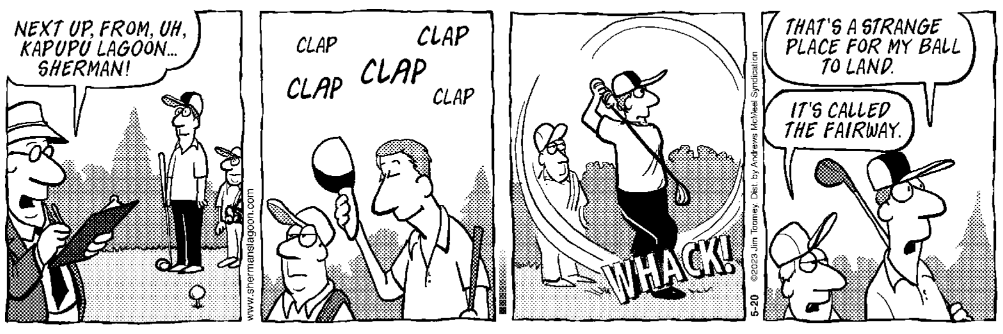
JIM TOOMEY



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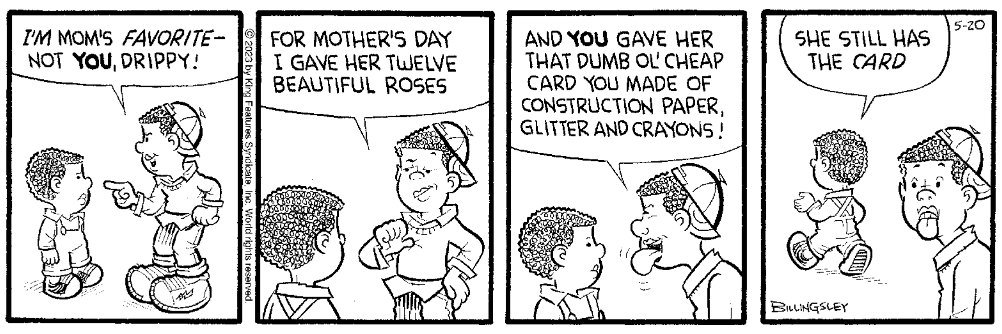

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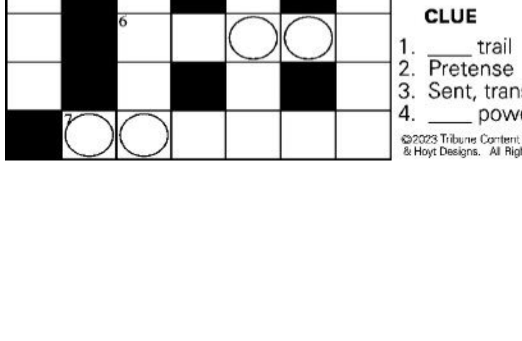

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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ____ team	EYCHKO
5. ____ pants	KIKAH
6. "Flowers in the ____"	ITCAT
7. Infrequently	DLOESM

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ____ trail	HIGINK
2. Pretense	ERCAADH
3. Sent, transmitted	ETTIDEM
4. ____ powder	UAMLCT

How to play: Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

TRIPLE BONUS
The circled letters can be unscrambled to form three different BONUS answers.

CLUE: Underbrush, dense bushes
CLUE: Bulkiest, densest
CLUE: Stocky, chunky, solid

ANSWERS: 1A-Hockey 5A-Khaki 6A-Attic 7A-Seldom 1D-Hiking 2D-Charade 3D-Emitted 4D-Talcum B-Thickets B-Thickest B-Thickset

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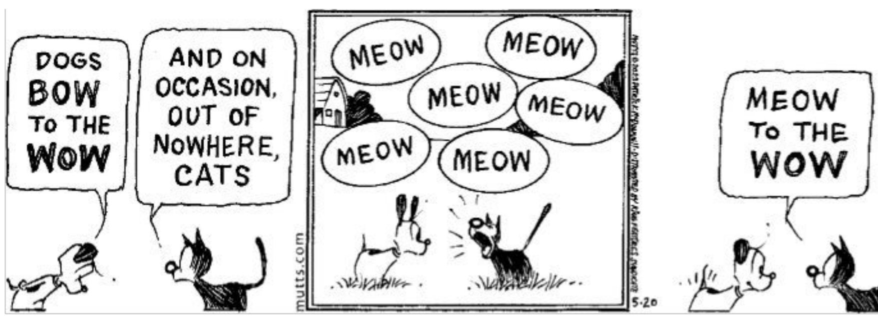

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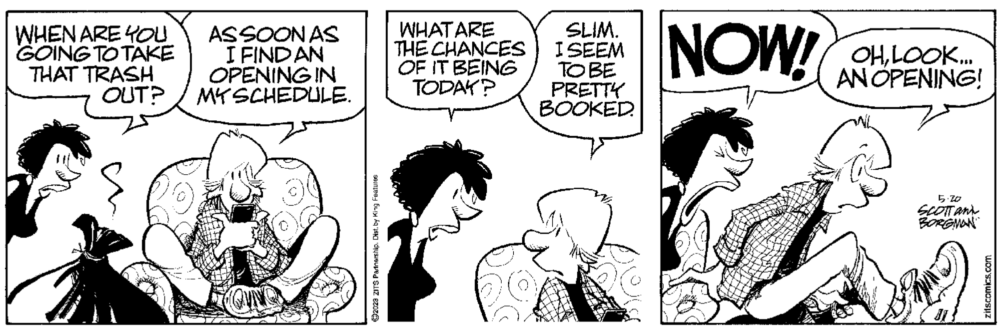

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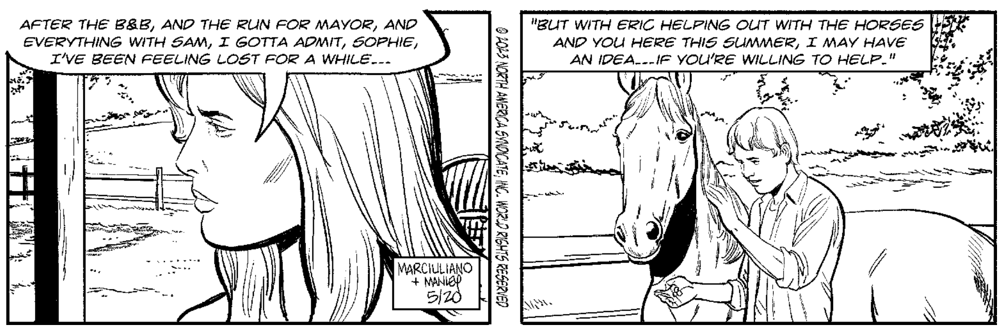

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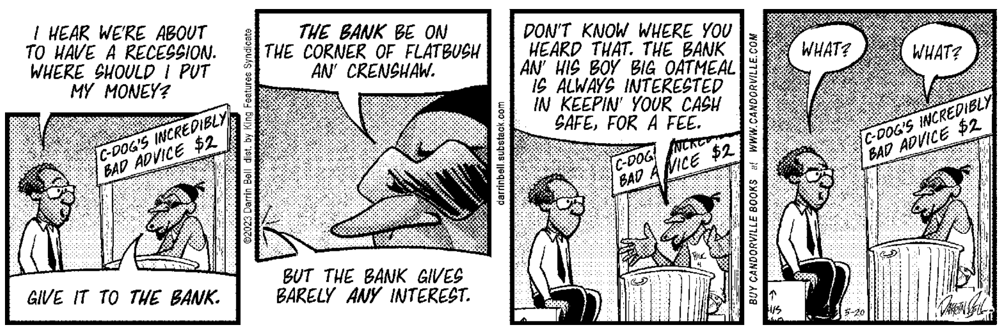

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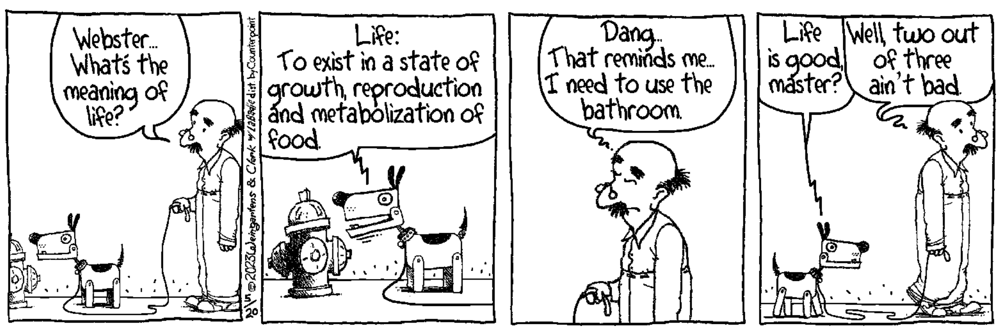

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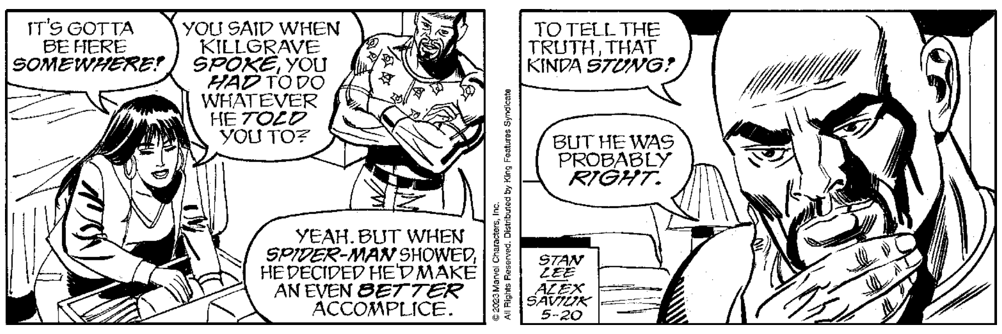

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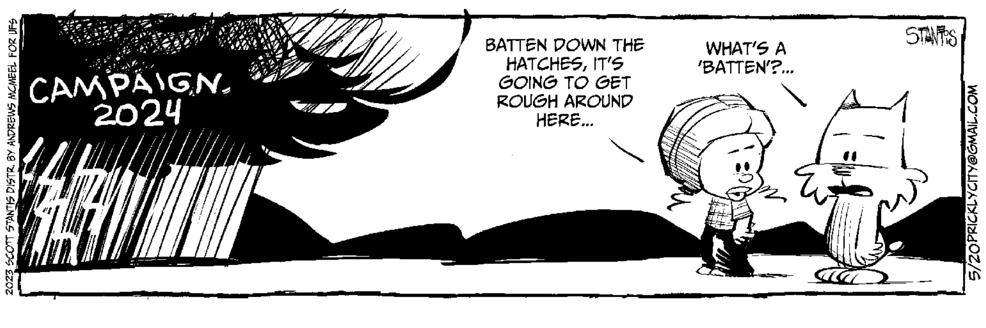

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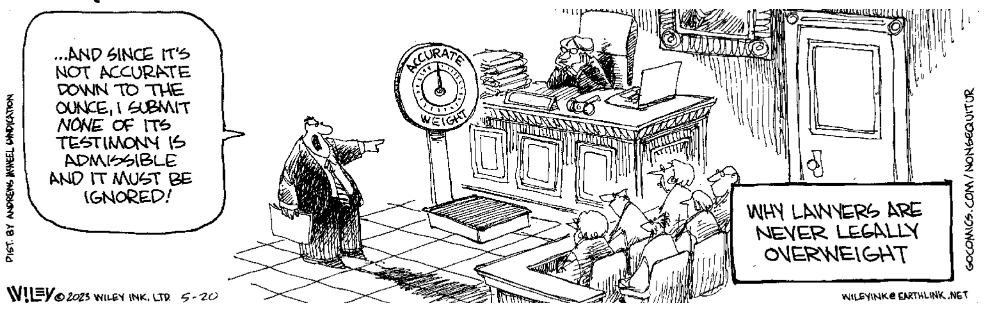

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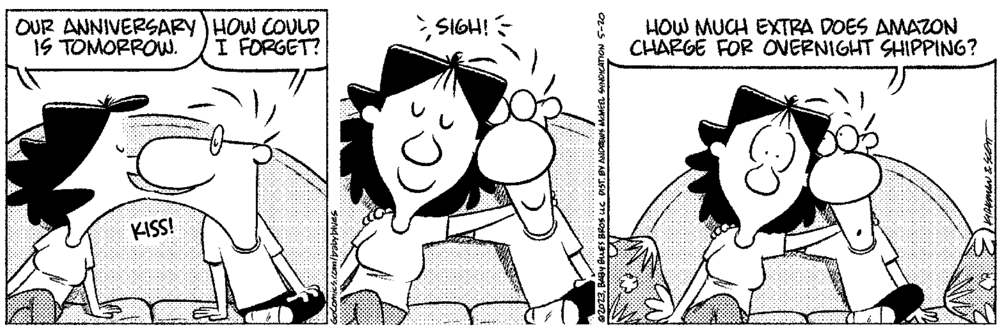

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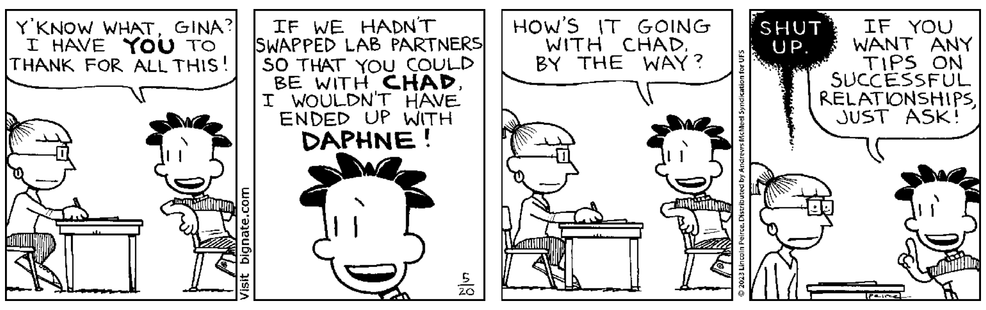

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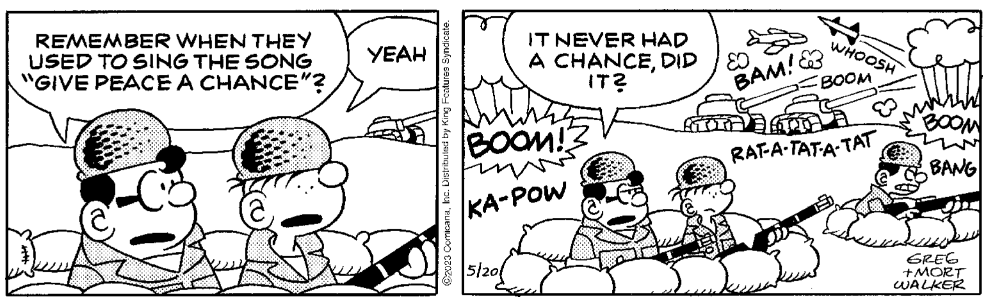

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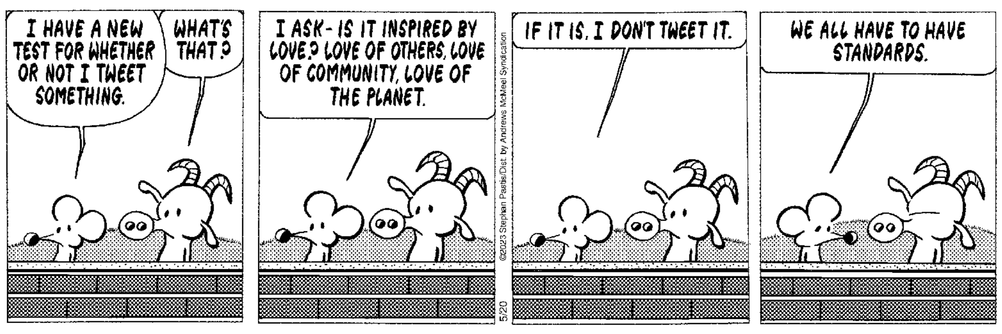

HOROSCOPE

BIRTHDAY | MAY 20

You are intuitive and sensitive and can form close bonds with others. You are warm and caring because you identify with others. This is a year of change, which means you should stay flexible so that you can seek out new opportunities or suddenly go in a new direction. Travel is likely.

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Gemini.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).
It's a tricky day! Be careful of ego battles and aggressive moves, especially in sports or issues related to kids. (It's too easy to go overboard today.) This also applies to your relations with your kids.

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20).
The gloves are off, and difficulty with authority figures, bosses, parents and the police are likely today. This also might mean conflict at home, within the family or with people related to your home. The wise move is not to engage.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20).
This is an argumentative day because power struggles are likely. Instead, use your clever communicating skills – you are the wordsmith of the zodiac. Be diplomatic, patient and understanding when dealing with others.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22).
Money squabbles might arise today, or perhaps arguments about possessions or shared responsibilities. Don't jump into the fray without thinking. Instead, take a step back and assess things.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG. 22).
Today fiery Mars is in your sign opposing Pluto, which is the classic sign of power struggles and ruthless opposition. Avoid situations or locations of potential violence. Don't try to gain control over others. Walk away from a nasty struggle.

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).
Today you might strive hard to get ahead and achieve your aims; nevertheless, you will encounter opposition. For some, this opposition will be hidden, which means you have to watch your back. Ideally, assess the situation and don't get involved.

LIBRA
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).
Don't fight with a friend today or a member of a group. You will regret it later. At heart, you value harmony. In fact, you're a people pleaser. Steer clear of these ego battles and arguments that can arise today.

SCORPIO
(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).
All your dealings with authority figures will be challenging today. (We're talking parents, bosses, teachers and the police.) Don't even go there. When it comes to arguments and opposition, timing is everything.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).
Do not fall for the propaganda or rhetoric of others regarding controversial issues about politics, religion or race. This is a nasty day for arguments and disagreements. Knowing this, don't get involved. Take the high road – the view is better.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).
Disputes about inheritances, shared property, taxes, insurance matters or, possibly, who is responsible for what, could become nasty today. Don't get boxed into a corner.

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).
Patience is the antidote to anger, and today you will need to be patient with those who are closest to you – partners, spouses and dear friends. This is because the energy today will foment friction and conflict with almost anyone.

PISCES
(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).
Arguments about work or perhaps over a pet might arise today and become a nasty standoff with someone. This will do you no good. Instead, be wise and mature and postpone these discussions for another day when everyone is in a more reasonable frame of mind.

— Georgia Nicols

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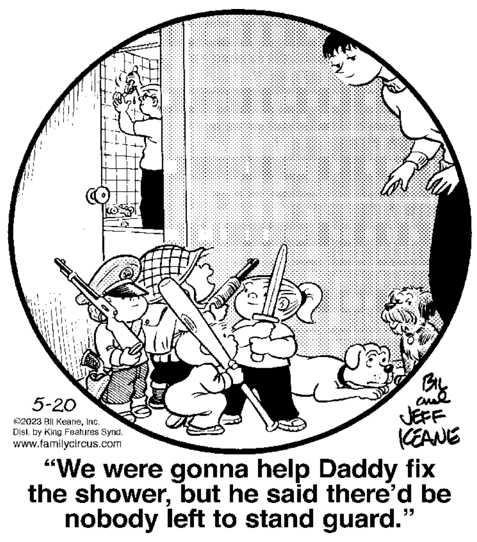

"We were gonna help Daddy fix the shower, but he said there'd be nobody left to stand guard."

REPLY ALL LITE DONNA A. LEWIS

The Washington Post
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JIM BROWN, 1936-2023

Legend was an unstoppable force

More than a football player, less than a hero, one of a kind

Jerry Brewer

Spend five minutes around Jim Brown, and you would swear he was the baddest man on the planet. There was no way to prove it, of course, but you didn't dare question the feeling, not while being near him.

Talk about presence. When he shook your hand, it felt like he was cracking open a walnut. For so much of his life, he seemed to age without weakening, an enduring vision of strength. Even though he spoke slowly, he commanded attention because of all the wit, insight and audacity flowing from his deep voice. He had a growl as he searched for the right words. And when he found them, he delivered his thoughts with his signature, unmistakable trait: conviction.

Brown, who died Thursday at age 87, was an immovable star. He thought he was right even when he was wrong, and he was wrong a lot — abusively wrong and unforgivably wrong at times. As a football legend, actor

SEE BREWER ON D5

104.3
Rushing yards per game, making Brown the only player in NFL history to average over 100 yards.

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Games missed in a nine-year NFL career that included 118 games and 14,811 yards from scrimmage.

MARK DUNCAN/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jim Brown, who died Thursday at 87, retired at 30 to focus on his acting career and to fight harder for African Americans.

'He stands alone': A peerless athlete with a complex life off the field. **A1**

Running back is cherished for feats on and off the field

BY MARK MASKE AND NICKI JHABVALA

The NFL paid tribute to one of its greatest players and most towering figures Friday as league leaders and fellow Hall of Famers expressed their admiration for former Cleveland Browns running back Jim Brown after his wife announced he died Thursday night in Los Angeles at age 87.

"Jim Brown was a gifted athlete — one of the most dominant players to ever step on any athletic field — but also a cultural figure who helped promote change," NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell wrote in a statement. "During his nine-year NFL career, which coincided with the civil rights movement here at home, he became a forerunner and role model for athletes being involved in social initiatives outside their sport. He inspired fellow athletes to make a difference, especially in the communities in which they lived."

Brown was named to the NFL's 100th anniversary team in 2019. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame

SEE BROWN ON D5

Owner app made Mage the people's racehorse

BY DAVE SHEININ

BALTIMORE — The Pimlico Race Course winner's circle is a grassy, hedge-lined ring near the finish line where, on the third Saturday of each May, the new Preakness champion, draped in a blanket of black-eyed Susans, is paraded past TV cameras and VIPs to be met by his jubilant connections. Typically the milieu of white-haired owners and rosy-cheeked grandchildren, the circle also hosts the occasional dignitary, from princes of Saudi Arabia to sitting governors of Maryland to — 50 years ago this week — Secretariat himself.

But if a certain chestnut colt should win the Preakness Stakes on Saturday, thus securing the second leg of horse racing's Triple Crown, the scene in the winner's circle could be unlike any in the century-and-a-half history of this race — with the gathering of millionaires and grizzled horsemen likely to be infiltrated by dozens of raucous, 30-something newbies whose ownership micro-shares in the horse known as Mage were obtained for as little $50.

In other words, it would be not at all unlike the scene that unfolded two weeks earlier at Churchill Downs — where Mage, a lightly raced 15-1 shot with a charming backstory and an unusual ownership structure, outran 17 rivals to win the Kentucky Derby. In the chaos of the winner's circle, when

SEE PREAKNESS ON D2

148th Preakness Stakes
4:30 p.m. (post time: 7 p.m.), NBC
The pick: Mage is an overwhelming favorite, so value is hard to find. **D2**

NBA PLAYOFFS

The Heat closes with 18-4 run to beat the favored Celtics again, 111-105, for a 2-0 lead in the series. **D3**

BASEBALL

Jake Irvin fails to make it out of the third inning, and the Nationals' late rally falls short in an 8-6 loss. **D5**

AMANDA ANDRADE-RHOADES FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

"We don't care about the storylines," Elena Delle Donne said after posting 13 points, five assists, four rebounds and two steals.

Opening statement

BY KAREEM COPELAND

MYSTICS 80, LIBERTY 64

Delle Donne keys rout of preseason favorite

Mystics at Sun
Tomorrow, 1 p.m., NBCSW

Elena Delle Donne looked Breanna Stewart in the eye, gave her a pump fake from the perimeter, then drove past her for a layup. Seconds later, Delle Donne blocked Stewart's jumper, triggering a Washington Mystics fast break.

As WNBA watchers imagined rich possibilities after the New York Liberty added a pair of MVPs in Stewart and Jonquel Jones, the Mystics reminded everyone that they have their own two-time MVP, and she looks plenty healthy. Delle Donne pushed the Mystics to a lead midway through the first quarter, and they never trailed the rest of the way, cruising to an 80-64 victory in the season opener Friday night at sold-out Entertainment and Sports Arena.

The Liberty and the Las Vegas Aces, the two betting favorites for the WNBA title, have been called "super teams" based on their seismic offseasons. After the Mystics dismantled New York in the opener, guard Natasha Cloud took issue with the notion of a two-team title race.

"Y'all can keep sleeping," Cloud said. "We're confident in what we have in this locker room. And you can continue to talk about the superhero teams, but we know who we are, and we know what we

SEE MYSTICS ON D3

At the PGA, the star of the day is brutal No. 6

BY CHUCK CULPEPPER

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — All golf majors are real, but some are realer than others, and this 105th PGA Championship looks like one of the realest. The Oak Hill course has hogged praise in Meryl Streep amounts. The leader board promises weekend hyperventilation, brimming with major winners and at least one absolute, positive, definite, can't-miss future major winner, Viktor Hovland, who stood tied for the lead at 5 under par with Scottie Scheffler and Corey Conners, among 18 players within five shots of the front, including Brooks Koepka and Rory McIlroy.

There's even a starring hole: No. 6.

"I mean, 6 is probably the hardest hole I've ever played," Scheffler said.

No. 6 flirted Friday with becoming the hardest hole in PGA Championship history, surging ahead of its 17 brethren in difficulty with stats that could drop a golf-geeky jaw. By early evening, this 503-yard, par-4 barbarian had allowed three birdies, 63 pars, 63 bogeys, 24 double bogeys and three other things too profane to detail. At one point it had played to 102 over par, with second-place No. 7 at 43 over par, before that gap narrowed somewhat to 117-66 after an afternoon

SEE PGA ON D7

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP
Oak Hill CC, through Sunday

POS.		TO PAR
T1	Corey Conners	**-5**
	Viktor Hovland	**-5**
	Scottie Scheffler	**-5**
T4	B. DeChambeau	**-3**
	Justin Suh	**-3**
T6	Brooks Koepka	**-2**
	Callum Tarren	**-2**
T8	Taylor Pendrith	**-1**
	Justin Rose	**-1**

Today's TV: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., ESPN; 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., CBS

DIGEST

PRO FOOTBALL

Commanders trainer is rehired after probe

More than 18 months after placing him on administrative leave during an investigation by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Washington Commanders rehired **Doug Quon** to his previous role of assistant athletic trainer.

Quon, who was back on the field this month during the Commanders' rookie minicamp, started with Washington in 2014 as an assistant athletic trainer. The team placed him on leave in the fall of 2021 when the DEA investigated Washington's former head athletic trainer, **Ryan Vermillion**, for the possible disbursement of prescription painkillers. In early October of that year, DEA agents and Loudoun County law enforcement officers executed search warrants at the team's training facility in Ashburn and Vermillion's nearby home.

— Nicki Jhabvala and Mark Maske

The Pittsburgh Steelers signed quarterback **Mitch Trubisky** to a three-year contract, giving the club long-term stability behind starter **Kenny Pickett**.

TENNIS

Ukraine's **Anhelina Kalinina** beat Russia's **Veronika Kudermetova**, 7-5, 5-7, 6-2 at the Italian Open on Friday in Rome to reach the biggest final of her career — and dedicated the victory to her war-torn country.

The half-filled Campo Centrale supported Kalinina, whose family home was destroyed in a Russian attack last year. Some fans held up Ukrainian flags.

"It's really important to win every match because of what Ukraine goes through," Kalinina told the crowd. "I really hope that I give a tiny, small light, maybe some positive emotions for my country. I really hope that Ukraine a little bit enjoys [this].

She and Kudermetova did not shake hands after the semifinal, which lasted nearly three hours.

In Saturday's final, Kalinina will face Wimbledon champion **Elena Rybakina**, who beat **Jelena Ostapenko,** 6-2, 6-4 in the other semifinal. . . .

Two-time Grand Slam champion **Simona Halep** was accused of a second doping offense by the International Tennis Integrity Agency for irregularities in her Athlete Biological Passport.

The charge "is separate and in addition to" the provisional suspension Halep received last year after she failed a drug test during the U.S. Open in August, the ITIA said. Halep is a 31-year-old from Romania who reached No. 1 in the WTA rankings in 2017.

SOCCER

Juventus is in more legal trouble after the Italian soccer federation charged the club and seven former team directors with alleged fraud for the way they handled player salary cuts during the coronavirus pandemic.

At the start of the pandemic, Juventus said 23 players agreed to reduce their salary for four months to help the club through the crisis. But prosecutors claim the players gave up only one month's salary.

AUTO RACING

Two-time Indy 500 champion **Takuma Sato** turned the fastest lap at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 27 years, and defending winner **Marcus Ericsson** was close behind him, making Chip Ganassi Racing the team to beat heading into qualifying weekend for "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing."

Sato turned a lap of 234.753 mph early in the six-hour practice, the fastest since 1996.

MISC.

Southern California athletic director Mike Bohn resigned.

USC confirmed the 62-year-old Bohn's resignation roughly 3½ years after he succeeded **Lynn Swann** in the high-profile job. . . .

Einer Rubio won a shortened and weather-affected 13th stage of the Giro d'Italia for his first victory in a Grand Tour, while **Geraint Thomas** remained in the leader's pink jersey. There was little movement in the overall standings after the tough climb up to the summit finish at Crans-Montana, Switzerland.

— From news services and staff reports

TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB

3 p.m.	**Baltimore at Toronto** » MASN, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)
4 p.m.	**Detroit at Washington** » MASN2, WJFK (106.7 FM)
4 p.m.	**Milwaukee at Tampa Bay** » Fox Sports 1
7 p.m.	**Los Angeles Dodgers at St. Louis** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)
10 p.m.	**Boston at San Diego** » MLB Network

NBA PLAYOFFS

8:30 p.m.	**Western Conference finals, Game 3: Denver at Los Angeles Lakers** » WJLA (Ch. 7), WMAR (Ch. 2)

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

8 p.m.	**Eastern Conference finals, Game 2: Florida at Carolina** » TNT

WNBA

1 p.m.	**Atlanta at Dallas** » WJLA (Ch. 7), WMAR (Ch. 2)
3 p.m.	**Commissioners Cup: Las Vegas at Seattle** » WJLA (Ch. 7), WMAR (Ch. 2)

AUTO RACING

10:30 a.m.	**NASCAR Truck Series: Tyson 250, qualifying** » Fox Sports 1
1:30 p.m.	**NASCAR Truck Series: Tyson 250** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)
2:30 p.m.	**IndyCar: Indianapolis 500, qualifying** » WRC (Ch. 4), WBAL (Ch. 11)
7 p.m.	**NASCAR Cup Series: All-Star Open, qualifying** » Fox Sports 1

GOLF

10 a.m.	**PGA Championship, third round** » ESPN
1 p.m.	**PGA Championship, third round** » WUSA (Ch. 9), WJZ (Ch. 13)

SOCCER

7:30 a.m.	**English Premier League: Brentford at Tottenham** » USA Network
8:45 a.m.	**French Ligue 1: Laval at Bordeaux** » beIN Sports
10 a.m.	**English Premier League: Manchester United at AFC Bournemouth** » USA Network
11 a.m.	**French Ligue 1: Montpellier at Nantes** » beIN Sports
12:30 p.m.	**English Premier League: Arsenal at Nottingham Forest** » WRC (Ch. 4), WBAL (Ch. 11)
3 p.m.	**French Ligue 1: Olympique Marseille at Lille** » beIN Sports
7 p.m.	**NWSL: Washington at Orlando** » NBC Sports Washington
7:30 p.m.	**MLS: LA Galaxy at D.C. United** » Apple TV Plus, WONK (104.7 FM)
9:30 p.m.	**MLS: Sporting K.C. at St. Louis City** » Fox Sports 1

TENNIS

7 a.m.	**ATP: Italian Open, semifinals** » Tennis Channel
1 p.m.	**WTA: Italian Open, final** » Tennis Channel

BOXING

8 p.m.	**Top Rank, prelims** » ESPN

USFL

12:30 p.m.	**Pittsburgh vs. Memphis** » USA Network
4 p.m.	**Birmingham vs. Michigan** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)

HOCKEY

5 a.m.	**Men's world championship, Group A: Denmark vs. United States** » NHL Network
9 a.m.	**Men's world championship, Group B: Switzerland vs. Canada** » NHL Network
1 p.m.	**Men's world championship, Group A: France vs. Sweden** » NHL Network

HORSE RACING

1 p.m.	**Preakness prep races** » CNBC
4:30 p.m.	**Preakness Stakes (post time, 7:01 p.m.)** » WRC (Ch. 4), WBAL (Ch. 11)

RUGBY

Noon	**Major League Rugby: Dallas at Rugby ATL** » Fox Sports 1

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Noon	**Maryland at Penn State** » Big Ten Network
1 p.m.	**North Carolina at Clemson** » ACC Network
2 p.m.	**Tennessee at South Carolina** » SEC Network
3 p.m.	**Indiana at Michigan State** » Big Ten Network
9 p.m.	**Southern California at Arizona** » Pac-12 Network

NCAA MEN'S LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

Noon	**Quarterfinal: Georgetown at Virginia** » ESPNU
2:30 p.m.	**Quarterfinal: Michigan at Duke** » ESPNU

NCAA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Times TBD	**Regionals** » TBD

COLLEGE TENNIS

5:30 p.m.	**NCAA championships** » Tennis Channel

ANALYSIS

A weak Preakness field offers little value to bettors

BY NEIL GREENBERG

If you are looking for a big score in this year's Preakness Stakes, I have bad news. Mage, the Kentucky Derby winner and 8-5 morning-line favorite at Pimlico, looks legitimate. Many of the other horses in this small, seven-horse field haven't won anything more than a maiden race — an event for horses that have not yet won a race — on a fast dirt track, and few have been able to finish among the top three after a fast pace.

As for speed, only two of the horses in the field — National Treasure and Mage — have come close to earning a final speed figure near par for races of this level. (Graded stakes winners in routes — one mile or longer — usually win with an average speed figure of at least 105.)

However, Mage and National Treasure produced their triple-digit speed figures in races that were classified as fast-fast, meaning there was an above-average time to the second call (three-quarter mile mark) and final time. None of the other horses have prevailed under those conditions. The field is so meager that the prevailing joke is the race should be renamed the "Weakness."

Mage towers above the field in speed and class, leaving few quality upset choices. If you still hope to shop around, look for a horse that can press the pace and be close to the leaders at the second call, after three-quarters of a mile has been run. During the most recent winter meet at the Baltimore track, 10 of 14 winning horses in graded stakes at similar distances were within 2¼ lengths of the lead at that point. This spring, that lead at the second call shrank to 1¾ lengths.

Horses expected to be in the mix at the second call Saturday, aside from Mage, include Blazing Sevens, Coffeewithchris and National Treasure. Of those, only National Treasure appears to have a real chance at pulling an upset. Unfortunately, he should be the second choice in the race.

Placing a win bet in this race is going to be tricky, but using a personal odds line can ensure you get the value you need to justify going to the window. A personal odds line involves ranking your best horses and assigning your contenders a combined 80 percent chance to win, with the non-contenders earning the remaining 20 percent. In this case, I would narrow the list of contenders to Mage, National Treasure and Red Route One, in that order. Mage is going to be such a popular choice it will be nearly impossible to get value on him in the win pools. If you assign him odds of 8-5 on your personal odds line, you are saying he has an almost 40 percent chance to win, which uses half of your 80 percent allotment for contenders. That would make the other two contenders 4-1 on your personal odds line. If you are thinking the odds you need won't allow a win bet, well, you would be right. This might be a pass in the win pools.

The exotic payouts also will be suppressed if Mage wins as an overwhelming favorite in a small field, which is smaller still when you factor in the legitimate contenders. There will be too many trifecta (pick the first three finishers in order) and superfecta (pick the first four finishers in order) tickets with Mage at the top plus National Treasure in the place slot. Your only hope for a big payout with Mage winning is two long shots finishing second and third, and that feels too difficult for this group.

There is one scenario worth exploring that could lead to a nice return on investment, and it involves a fast pace that breaks down, allowing a closer to pass tired horses in the stretch. To take advantage of this possibility, you would single Red Route One on top of the two main contenders — Mage and National Treasure — in a trifecta. You might even add Perform as a candidate for show. You could improve your return by not using Mage at all.

The best bet of all, however, might be to pass on the race entirely. I know that's boring, but in a race with little value, it's probably the right thing to do.

With app-fueled ownership, Mage is horse of people

PREAKNESS FROM D1

MATT STONE/USA TODAY SPORTS/REUTERS

Owners in white caps surrounded Mage and jockey Javier Castellano after the Kentucky Derby victory.

they finally lined up everyone who owned a piece of Mage, the photographers shooting the traditional victory photo may have had to switch to a wider lens.

"It looked like the cover of 'Sgt. Pepper's,' " joked Ramiro Restrepo, one of Mage's controlling owners, speaking of the resulting photo, with its teeming horde of cocktail-toting, ballcap-wearing investor bros, who numbered more than 100. (In reality, the collage on the front of the Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" contains far fewer faces.)

It is true, however, that Mage — a true champion of the people, in the most literal sense possible — is the closest thing horse racing has to a rock star at the moment and the best shot at a redemptive storyline for a beleaguered sport that sometimes appears to be on the verge of collapsing under the weight of equine deaths and doping scandals. Such as the ones that occurred in the run-up and aftermath of the Derby.

"That's why I say Mage was like a gift from above," said Brian Doxtator, co-founder and CEO of Commonwealth Racing, the "fractional investment platform" that, along with 391 micro-investors who bought in via its app, owns 25 percent of Mage. "The timing of it for our business, our customers and for horse racing couldn't be better. And horse racing did need this. . . . I do think we're putting a slightly different lens over horse racing. And it is at a critical juncture for the industry at this moment."

There is a ragtag, underdog charm with almost all of Mage's human connections: His jockey, Javier Castellano, snapped a career 0-for-15 Derby skid with the win. His trainer and co-owner, Gustavo Delgado Sr., is a legendary horseman in his native Venezuela, where he won that country's version of the Triple Crown four times, but had never finished better than 12th in two previous tries in the Derby. Co-owner Restrepo is a gregarious, fifth-generation horseman with Colombian roots and a knack for blowing past his budget.

"One heck of a melting pot," Restrepo said of Mage's collective connections following the Derby win.

It was only a year ago this week that Restrepo and Gustavo Delgado Jr. — the trainer's son and assistant — first laid eyes on Mage at an auction of 2-year-olds that took place at the Timonium Fairgrounds, just a few miles up Interstate 83 from Pimlico. Told by Delgado Sr. not to exceed the budget of $100,000, Restrepo and Delgado Jr. decided they could probably go to $200,000 if they needed to — then stayed in the bidding for the horse they desperately wanted until they finally got him for $290,000.

That horse, from the first crop sired by 2018 Kentucky Derby runner-up Good Magic, out of the Big Brown mare Puca, was Mage. Though the purchase barely caused a ripple across the industry at the time — 25 horses fetched higher prices at that auction, including one, Hejazi, that went for $3.55 million — it would change the course of history.

"It was intuition. We had to have him," Delgado Jr. said. "I told Ramiro, we're going to go after him, and then we'll figure out where the money was going to come from."

That budgetary overreach — and the financial scrambling that followed — is what led the cash-strapped new owners of Mage, several weeks later, to Commonwealth, a 2019 start-up in the fractional investing space that had had a massive breakthrough in 2022, when its horse Country Grammer won the $12 million Dubai World Cup.

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Mage has a snack Friday after a workout at Pimlico Race Course. His owners include 391 micro-investors who bought in via an app.

Once Doxtator and Commonwealth partner Chase Chamberlin agreed to go in on a quarter of the horse — plus their share of two years of annual training expenses — it was time to offer him to the app's users, who numbered around 6,500 at the time. Shares were $50 each, and while shareholders could profit from both race earnings and eventually stud fees, anyone who knows anything about horse racing understands many more investments turn into duds than turn into Kentucky Derby winners.

But Commonwealth sees its mission less as a microinvesting tool than as a community-builder. It sells an experience as much as it does a racehorse. Because its investors had owner status, they could visit the paddock before races and — should everything break just right — the winner's circle afterward.

"People focus on the financials, but what we're actually trying to do is build a community of sports fan — I call them the 'big day out' crowd," Doxtator said. "These are people that invite five of their friends to the track or to a golf tournament. Or these are music festival-goers. These are people who are accustomed to [bringing along] four or five of their friends. They don't just go do it themselves. . . . We get $50 shareholders in the paddock all the time. I hear them say all the time, 'You can't do *anything* like this for 50 bucks.' "

When Mage's offering went live on the Commonwealth app in January, it took just 48 hours for shares to sell out. Three hundred ninety-one users bought in, with investments ranging from $50 to $20,000. More than 100 of those Commonwealth investors traveled to the Derby, with seats scattered all around Churchill Downs.

"We told them going in, 'We can't make any guarantees [about access].' First of all, this was our first Kentucky Derby, too," Doxtator said. "We didn't know how it was going to work."

In the wild aftermath of Mage's improbable win, the Commonwealth crowd — distinguished by white "Mage" caps — converged upon the winner's circle, initially overwhelming the security personnel. "There's all these people pouring in," Doxtator recalled. "I think the [security guards] were finally like, 'Okay, if they have the hat on, we'll let them in.' "

A bunch of the delirious Commonwealth users — some of whom, and this simply can't be reiterated enough times, bought in for just 50 measly bucks — lingered in the winner's circle long enough to take turns kissing the trophy.

Thanks in large part to a brief mention on NBC's telecast of the Derby, Commonwealth saw more than 6,000 new users sign up in the first 48 hours afterward. Doxtator, 40, and Chamberlin, 32 — childhood friends from Kalamazoo, Mich. — fielded so many media inquiries, they enlisted another friend to help them out as a PR contact. Among the many industry calls they fielded were some from agents from the worlds of golf and tennis: In the coming months, Commonwealth plans to branch into those sports, with PGA Tour rookies Joey Vrzich and Cooper Dossey having already signed on.

Commonwealth wasn't the first company to offer micro-shares of a racehorse or even the first to win the Kentucky Derby; MyRacehorse had a piece of 2020 champion Authentic. But perhaps because of their youth and their backgrounds in tech start-ups, Doxtator and Chamberlin have found a foothold with a younger, more tech-savvy crowd; Doxtator said the average age of a Commonwealth user is 36, decades younger than the average thoroughbred owner, and a new user can go from downloading the app to buying a share in about 90 seconds.

And while the minimum cost for a share of Authentic through MyRacehorse was $206, Commonwealth made sure to aim lower with Mage.

"We're trying to democratize this sport," Doxtator said.

Across the embattled industry, people have taken notice. Dalmore Group, the broker-dealer through which Commonwealth offers its investments, said in a statement that Mage's Derby win "sent ripples through the horse racing community."

"This democratization of the sport has the potential to make horse racing more inclusive," Dalmore said. "Mage's victory in the Kentucky Derby is a testament to the power of fractional ownership and its potential to revolutionize the horse racing industry. . . . The sport of kings is no longer reserved for just a privileged few."

Meanwhile, for the 391 Commonwealth users who bought in to Mage, the Derby win resulted in a $95 payout for each $50 they invested — on top of their initial investment — which is still far less than what that same $50 would have gotten them at the betting window, where a $2 win bet returned $32.42. But based on the stallion offers Commonwealth is already fielding for Mage once his racing career is over, Doxtator estimates those $50 shares will eventually be worth at least $500 each.

And anyway, the money is only a small part of the draw. Watching a horse — your horse — charge to the finish line in front of the pack, then making your way down to the winner's circle to celebrate another jewel in the Triple Crown and kiss another trophy? Whether you're in for a gazillion or just 50 bucks — such a thing would be priceless.

PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL

NBA PLAYOFFS

Hard-charging Heat produces fourth-quarter rally to put Celtics in 2-0 hole

HEAT 111, CELTICS 105

BY JIMMY GOLEN

BOSTON — Jimmy Butler went forehead-to-forehead with the Boston Celtics and came away with another decisive victory.

Butler scored 27 points, hitting back-to-back buckets to tie the game and give Miami the lead, and the eighth-seeded Heat left Boston with a 111-105 victory Friday night and a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference finals.

Butler added eight rebounds and six assists. When Grant Williams started jawing with the Miami star — with both players drawing technical fouls for the double head-butt — Butler stared down Williams, and the Heat refused to relent.

"I love that gnarly version of Jimmy," Heat Coach Erik Spoelstra said. "But you get that regardless. I think now people are just paying more attention. . . . Jimmy is just a real competitor."

Bam Adebayo had 22 points, 17 rebounds and nine assists and Caleb Martin came off the bench to score 25 points for Miami, which returns home with a chance to sweep and become just the second No. 8 seed to reach the NBA Finals.

Jayson Tatum had 34 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists for Boston. But the Celtics star went 0 for 3 with two turnovers in the fourth quarter, when Boston blew an 89-77 lead en route to a second home loss in three nights. Jaylen Brown scored 16 points on 7-for-23 shooting; he went 1 for 5 with a turnover in the final quarter, when Miami outscored Boston 36-22.

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Jimmy Butler (27 points) and Miami outscored Boston 36-22 in the fourth quarter to take a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference finals.

"We've got some dogs, and I love it. I love every bit of it," Butler said on the postgame TV broadcast. "Guys never quit. We never give up. We love playing with one another. We've got so much faith and trust in one another."

The Celtics led by 11 in the third quarter and made it a dozen early in the fourth. It was a 96-87 Boston lead when Butler scored and was fouled by Williams; the two players leaned into each other — drawing double technicals — before Butler hit the ensuing free throw.

"Some healthy competition. I ain't going to lie to you. Healthy competition. And I love it. I'm always here to compete. I like to talk, at times," Butler said. "As long as we get the win, I'm good with it."

After Tatum missed from long distance — one of three missed three-pointers in the fourth quarter — Butler drove to the basket to make it a four-point Boston lead. Miami trailed 98-96 when Butler was called for an offensive foul, kicking Marcus Smart after landing on a missed three-pointer.

Spoelstra challenged but lost.

Butler responded.

He made a 17-footer to tie it at 100 and then a short fadeaway to give Miami the lead. After Max Strus made one of two free throws, Adebayo scored on a putback dunk to make it 105-100.

Boston used a 21-2 run to turn an eight-point, first-quarter deficit into an 11-point lead.

— Associated Press

Game 3: Celtics at Heat
Tomorrow, 8:30 p.m., TNT

In battle of Western stars, Nuggets' Jokic, Murray outshining Lakers' James, Davis

On the NBA
BEN GOLLIVER

DENVER — Nikola Jokic hasn't gotten the call from Hollywood to front a "Space Jam" remake, his No. 15 jersey wasn't among the NBA's 10 best sellers this season, and he doesn't have an Instagram account, let alone a signature sneaker. His sidekick, Jamal Murray, has watched the first seven years of his career go by without an all-star selection or any other major individual honor since he was named all-rookie back in 2017. Well, second-team all-rookie.

In terms of championship rings, awards, social media influence, global marketing footprint or any of the other metrics used to judge modern basketball players, the Denver Nuggets' duo are dwarfed by the Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James and Anthony Davis. But past glory and pure fame haven't mattered at all in the Western Conference finals as Jokic and Murray have thoroughly outshined the Lakers' stars to lead the Nuggets to a 2-0 series lead entering Saturday's Game 3 in Los Angeles.

In a Game 1 win Tuesday, Jokic compiled a preposterous 34-point, 21-rebound, 14-assist triple-double to outduel Davis, who finished with a game-high 40 points and 10 rebounds, and hold off a Lakers rally. Then, after a choppy start in Thursday's Game 2, Murray scored 23 of his game-high 37 points in the fourth quarter as Denver came back from an 11-point deficit to claim a 108-103 win at Ball Arena.

After the Nuggets outlasted James and Davis, who both showed signs of fatigue under heavy minutes, Coach Michael Malone chided the media for underselling Jokic, Murray and their well-rounded supporting cast.

"You win Game 1, and all everybody talked about was the Lakers," Malone said. "Let's be honest, the national narrative was: 'Hey, the Lakers are fine. They're down 1-0, but they figured something out.' . . . The narrative wasn't about the Nuggets. The narrative wasn't about Nikola. The narrative was about the Lakers and their adjustments. You put that in your pipe, you smoke it. You come back, and you know what, we're going to go up 2-0."

Despite Malone's huff and gruff, the Nuggets aren't a ragtag group of anonymous upstarts: Jokic is a brilliant two-time MVP who guided the Western Conference's No. 1 seed to 53 wins. Though Denver has never reached the Finals since it joined the NBA from the ABA in 1976, it is engaged in a rematch of the 2020 West finals, which Los Angeles took in five games. The Nuggets boast better balance and more experience this time around: They have won six playoff series over the past five years, including a strong second-round showing against Kevin Durant, Devin Booker and the Phoenix Suns.

Jokic, 28, has been the rock, compiling seven triple-doubles in Denver's 13 postseason games. His deft scoring touch, unmatched vision for a center and physical rebounding presence have flustered opponents, and he has shown significant improvement on the defensive end compared with his previous postseason runs.

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Jamal Murray (27) scored a game-high 37 points Thursday night against the Lakers as the Nuggets rallied for a 2-0 series lead.

The 26-year-old Murray has been the X-factor: Denver is 5-1 when he scores 30 or more points, including a closeout win over the Minnesota Timberwolves in the first round and 31 points in Game 1 against the Lakers.

Nothing was falling for Murray early in Game 2. He shot just 5 for 17 from the field through three quarters and clapped his hands in frustration after several misses. But Murray found his touch in the fourth quarter with a pull-up jumper with 10 minutes remaining before proceeding to hit four three-pointers, including a deep one over James, to put the Nuggets in control.

"[Murray] got a little midrange pull-up to go in and kind of looked up to the heavens," Malone said. "That's all he needs, and after that he's shooting into a hula hoop."

For Murray, who didn't appear in a game from April 2021 to October 2022 because of a torn ACL in his left knee, this series has served as a grand reintroduction to millions of playoff viewers. The Canadian guard, who first displayed his knack for clutch scoring during Denver's run to the West finals in the 2020 bubble, iced the Game 2 win with a midrange jumper and seven closing free throws.

"[Murray] had his midrange game going, and he had his three-point shot going in the fourth," James said. "It's no surprise to anybody. He's done it before. Only one of [Denver's threes] was uncontested. All of them were great contests. Two of Jamal's threes was right in the face of me and [Davis]. The three-point line is what killed us in the fourth, but I didn't see many [defensive] breakdowns."

Though the Nuggets can't match the Lakers' 17 championships or phalanx of celebrity fans, they represent excellent basketball foils. Jokic has been this postseason's most dominant offensive player while leading the most efficient playoff offense; Davis, in turn, has been the postseason's top defensive talent for the Lakers' top-ranked defense.

So far, Denver's offense has won out, leaving Los Angeles looking worn out. James uncharacteristically missed an open-court dunk in Game 2, and he shot just 9 for 19 from the field in the loss. Legs appeared to be an issue for the 38-year-old forward, who repeatedly settled for jumpers after logging 40 minutes in Game 1. James has missed all 10 of his three-point attempts in the series.

Davis faded in similar fashion, finishing with 18 points on 4-for-15 shooting and repeatedly struggling to get anything going when Jokic defended him. In the fourth quarter, Davis committed three turnovers and missed two three-point attempts in the closing minutes.

The Lakers overhauled their roster at the trade deadline with the intention of giving James and Davis enough help to mount a late-season push into the playoffs. The plan worked better than most expected; newcomers Rui Hachimura, D'Angelo Russell and Jarred Vanderbilt have played key roles at various moments of the postseason.

Now that James and Davis are facing the first 0-2 series hole of their Lakers tenures, the two stars must drive the turnaround effort. James's scoring efficiency must improve with more free throw attempts and drives and better outside shooting, while Davis must score more consistently, while still carrying his typically heavy load defensively, to offset Jokic's wide-ranging impact. Both James and Davis must display better focus and assertiveness in late-game moments once the series shifts to Los Angeles, where the Lakers are 6-0 during the postseason.

Entering the West finals, continuity appeared to be the Nuggets' chief advantage over the new-look Lakers. While that has proved accurate, Denver's headliners have simply outperformed their better-known Los Angeles counterparts, too.

"The outside noise is the outside noise," Murray said when asked about Denver getting overlooked. "We're used to that. Even when we win, they talk about the other team. We beat the [Los Angeles] Clippers in the bubble, and they talked about the other team. Same old, same old. It fuels us a little more, and it will be sweeter when we win the [championship]."

Balanced Mystics overwhelm reloaded Liberty to kick off season

MYSTICS FROM D1

bring every single night. We know what we have in this locker room, and everyone eats.

"So we're not going to be perfect. We're going to be damn sure close to it, though. I'm excited, so keep sleeping on us."

The Mystics' offseason was more quiet, focusing on finding depth and building a defensive foundation. Nearly everyone put their fingerprints on this game in one way or another.

Delle Donne finished with 13 points, five assists, four rebounds, two steals and the block on Stewart while playing a team-high 33 minutes. Cloud posted 14 points, six rebounds, six assists, two blocks and a steal. Brittney Sykes, the Mystics' biggest offseason signing, had nine points, nine rebounds, five steals and three assists.

Kristi Toliver (10 points), Tianna Hawkins (eight), Shakira Austin (six) and Shatori Walker-Kimbrough (six) all delivered key moments.

"I'm not surprised," Delle Donne said. "It's our identity as a team. It's what we've been doing in training camp. And we don't care about the outside noise. We don't care about the storylines. It's not going to change how we show up every single day, take care of one another and get the work we need to get done each day.

"This has been the identity of this group, just a gritty, hard-working group that loves each other."

The defense swarmed throughout, holding the Liberty to just 26 points in the first half. Sabrina Ionescu scored a game-high 18 points but on 7-for-20 shooting. Stewart (12 points) and Jones (five) were a combined 5 for 16 from the field. The Mystics forced 20 turnovers, 13 of them steals.

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"We're not going to be perfect. We're going to be . . . close to it, though," said Natasha Cloud, left.

New York looked like a team with a lot of new pieces that still has to grow and build chemistry. The Liberty also missed some easy looks early in the contest.

"It was a great effort," Coach Eric Thibault said. "I thought we played really, really hard. I thought we were really active defensively. They've got really good ballhandlers and playmakers, and we forced a lot of turnovers.

"The team that we had wanted to be through camp showed up. So that was satisfying."

Here's what else to know about the Mystics' win:

New seat

Mike Thibault has sat in the first seat on the Mystics' bench since he joined the organization in 2013, but that changed Friday. Thibault stepped down as coach but remains the Mystics' general manager. So he sat in the front row at center court with his wife, Naci.

New seat II

Eric Thibault slid over one seat as the new coach and walked into the postgame news conference drenched in water after a locker room celebration. He said he looked up once and saw his father yelling at the same time as he was.

"I expected more jitters out of him," Delle Donne said. "He was real calm. He's certainly ready for this moment."

A little different

Jones spent her first six seasons with the Connecticut Sun after being the No. 6 overall pick in the 2016 draft. Stewart was the No. 1 pick in that draft and played her first six seasons with the Seattle Storm.

"It's refreshing, honestly, to be able to play for a different coach, just like a different mind-set," Jones said. "Sometimes you get so used to a place, and of course you get comfortable, but there's certain parts of your game that probably aren't growing anymore because of that.

"I really relish stepping into new roles, new opportunities and also learning from somebody else that has been successful in this league for such a long time."

Stewart said she still says Seattle sometimes when people ask about her team.

"Change is good, and change is also challenging," Stewart said. "In order for us to continue to grow as individuals, as players, as people, sometimes you need to put yourself in a different environment. . . . Also realizing that we want to do something that this franchise hasn't done and that's win and really get the city behind us."

Up next

The Mystics travel to meet the new-look Connecticut Sun on Sunday at 1 p.m. The Sun lost Jones and coach Curt Miller but added Tiffany Hayes and Tyasha Harris and Stephanie Hayes as coach.

MYSTICS' NEXT THREE

at Connecticut Sun		
Tomorrow	1	NBCSW
vs. Connecticut Sun		
Tuesday	7	NBCSW
at Chicago Sky		
Friday	8	Ion

WNBA ROUNDUP

Connecticut spoils debut of Boston with Indiana

SUN 70, FEVER 61

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DeWanna Bonner scored 19 points, Alyssa Thomas had 18 points, 12 rebounds and six assists, and the Connecticut Sun held off No. 1 pick Aliyah Boston and the Indiana Fever, 70-61, on Friday night in Indianapolis to begin the WNBA season.

Former Indiana coach Stephanie White got the win in her Connecticut debut after replacing Curt Miller, who took the Sun to the WNBA Finals last season.

Connecticut led by 15 points after three quarters, but Indiana scored the opening 10 points of the fourth to cut its deficit to 58-53. The Sun eventually scored with 3:06 left on Bonner's fast-break layup.

Boston, the top pick in the WNBA draft, scored the next four points to get Indiana within 60-57. She finished with 15.

• **SKY 77, LYNX 66:** Kahleah Copper had 20 points, seven rebounds and five assists, Alanna Smith scored 15 points, and Chicago used a big second quarter to beat Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Chicago pulled away in the second quarter after outscoring Minnesota 22-3 for a 44-27 lead at the break. The Lynx shot just 1 for 15 from the field in the period and turned it over 11 times, leading to 13 Chicago points.

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Atlanta	28	16	.636	—	5-5	W-2
x-Miami	23	21	.523	5	7-3	W-4
New York	23	23	.500	6	6-4	W-3
Philadelphia	20	24	.455	8	5-5	L-5
Washington	18	27	.400	10½	3-7	L-4

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	24	20	.545	—	5-5	L-2
Pittsburgh	24	20	.545	—	4-6	W-2
Chicago	20	24	.455	4	3-7	W-1
Cincinnati	19	25	.432	5	5-5	L-2
St. Louis	19	27	.413	6	7-3	L-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Los Angeles	29	17	.630	—	8-2	W-1
Arizona	25	20	.556	3½	5-5	L-1
x-San Francisco	20	23	.465	7½	5-5	W-3
x-San Diego	20	24	.455	8	2-8	L-2
Colorado	19	26	.422	9½	5-5	L-1

x-Late game

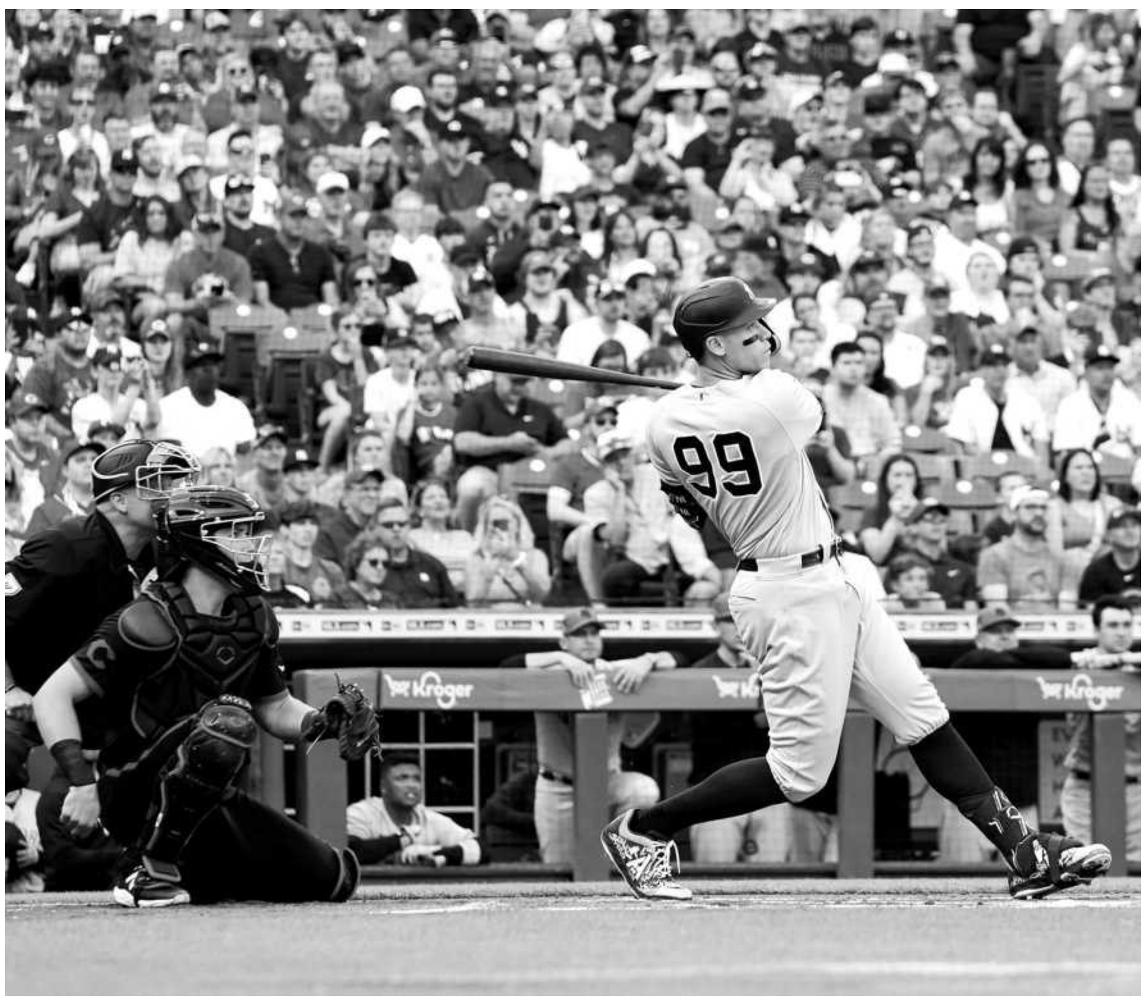
American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Tampa Bay	33	13	.717	—	4-6	W-1
Baltimore	29	16	.644	3½	7-3	W-1
New York	27	20	.574	6½	7-3	W-2
Toronto	25	20	.556	7½	4-6	L-2
x-Boston	24	20	.545	8	4-6	W-2

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Minnesota	24	20	.545	—	5-5	L-1
Detroit	20	22	.476	3	5-5	W-1
Cleveland	20	24	.455	4	4-6	L-1
Chicago	17	29	.370	8	5-5	W-1
Kansas City	14	32	.304	11	4-6	L-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Texas	27	17	.614	—	6-4	W-1
Houston	25	19	.568	2	8-2	W-5
x-Los Angeles	23	22	.511	4½	4-6	W-1
Seattle	21	23	.477	6	4-6	L-3
Oakland	10	36	.217	18	2-8	L-2

x-Late game



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Power surge

Sizzling Yankees slugger Aaron Judge, the reigning American League MVP, belts a first-inning solo home run against the Reds in Cincinnati on Friday night. The blast was Judge's seventh in his past seven games.

Tigers 8, Nationals 6

TIGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
McKinstry 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.274
Báez ss	5	1	0	0	0	0	.240
Greene cf	4	2	2	1	1	0	.296
Torkelson 1b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.232
Ibáñez 2b	4	1	0	1	0	0	.232
Short 2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.238
Maton dh	3	1	1	0	2	1	.155
Baddoo lf	4	1	2	4	1	0	.253
Haase c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.257
Vierling rf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.231
TOTALS	37	8	9	8	5	4	—

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Thomas rf	3	1	1	2	1	0	.281
García 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.255
Meneses dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.294
Candelario 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.247
Smith 1b	2	1	0	0	2	0	.275
Garrett lf	3	1	1	0	0	1	.247
Dickerson ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Ruiz c	3	2	2	2	0	1	.233
Call cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.228
Abrams ss	4	1	1	1	0	0	.238
TOTALS	32	6	7	5	3	8	—

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E: Irvin (1), García (1), Abrams (8). **LOB:** Detroit 8, Washington 3. **2B:** Ruiz (7), Abrams (6), Meneses (11), Call (8). **HR:** McKinstry (3), off Irvin; Baddoo (1), off Irvin; Vierling (3), off Harris; Greene (4), off Ward; Thomas (6), off Boyd; Ruiz (4), off Englert. **RBI:** McKinstry (7), Ibáñez (6), Baddoo 4 (8), Vierling (11), Greene (16), Abrams (23), Thomas 2 (21), Ruiz 2 (15). **SB:** Baddoo (4).

TIGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Boyd	5⅔	4	3	3	1	4	91	6.21
Englert	⅓	3	3	3	1	0	21	5.25
Shreve	1	0	0	0	0	1	9	4.67
Foley	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	14	1.50
Lange	1⅓	0	0	0	0	2	13	0.98

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Irvin	2⅔	5	6	4	4	1	75	5.50
Harris	2⅓	3	1	1	0	1	39	5.40
Ward	2	1	1	1	1	1	31	4.86
Machado	2	0	0	0	0	1	24	3.65

WP: Boyd (3-3); **LP:** Irvin (1-2); **S:** Lange (8). **Inherited runners-scored:** Englert 1-0, Shreve 1-0, Lange 1-0, Harris 2-0. **HBP:** Harris (McKinstry), Boyd (Ruiz). **WP:** Englert, Irvin. **PB:** Ruiz (3). **T:** 2:47. **A:** 19,985 (41,376).

HOW THEY SCORED

TIGERS FIRST
Zach McKinstry homers. Javier Baez reaches on error. Fielding error by Jake Irvin. Riley Greene walks. Javier Baez to second. Spencer Torkelson called out on strikes. **Andy Ibanez grounds out, Riley Greene to third, Javier Baez scores.** Nick Maton walks. **Akil Baddoo singles, Nick Maton to third, Riley Greene scores.** Eric Haase pops out.
Tigers 3, Nationals 0
TIGERS THIRD
Riley Greene singles. Spencer Torkelson lines out. Andy Ibanez reaches on a fielder's choice to shallow infield, advances to second. Riley Greene out at second. Throwing error by Luis Garcia. Nick Maton walks. **Akil Baddoo homers, Nick Maton scores, Andy Ibanez scores.** Eric Haase walks. Matt Vierling singles. Eric Haase to third. Zach McKinstry hit by pitch. Matt Vierling to second. Javier Baez lines out.
Tigers 6, Nationals 0
TIGERS FIFTH
Eric Haase strikes out swinging. **Matt Vierling homers.** Zach McKinstry grounds out. Javier Baez grounds out.
Tigers 7, Nationals 0
TIGERS SIXTH
Riley Greene homers. Spencer Torkelson flies out. Andy Ibanez flies out. Nick Maton strikes out swinging.
Tigers 8, Nationals 0
NATIONALS SIXTH
Keibert Ruiz doubles. Alex Call called out on strikes. **CJ Abrams doubles, Keibert Ruiz scores. Lane Thomas homers, CJ Abrams scores.** Luis Garcia flies out. Joey Meneses doubles. Jeimer Candelario grounds out.
Tigers 8, Nationals 3
NATIONALS SEVENTH
Dominic Smith walks. **Stone Garrett singles, Stone Garrett to second, Dominic Smith to third, Dominic Smith scores. Keibert Ruiz homers, Stone Garrett scores.** Alex Call doubles. CJ Abrams flies out. Alex Call to third. Lane Thomas grounds out. Luis Garcia strikes out swinging.
Tigers 8, Nationals 6

NL leaders

Entering Friday's games.

BATTING

Arraez, Mia	.378
Acuña Jr., Atl	.345
Díaz, Col	.331
Estrada, SF	.313
Freeman, LA	.313

HOME RUNS

Alonso, NY	16
Muncy, LA	15
Wisdom, Chi	12
Gorman, StL	12

RBI

Alonso, NY	37
Gorman, StL	36
Murphy, Atl	34
Arenado, StL	34

ERA

Elder, Atl	1.94
Cobb, SF	1.94
Gallen, Ari	2.36
Keller, Pit	2.38
Steele, Chi	2.44

SAVES

Doval, SF	11
Hader, SD	11
Díaz, Cin	10
Bednar, Pit	9
Finnegan, Was	8
Johnson, Col	8
Robertson, NY	8

STRIKEOUTS

Strider, Atl	86
Gallen, Ari	70
Keller, Pit	69
Kershaw, LA	63
Wheeler, Phi	61

AL leaders

Entering Friday's games.

BATTING

Bichette, Tor	.328
Díaz, TB	.321
Arozarena, TB	.317
Hays, Bal	.312
Guerrero Jr., Tor	.312

HOME RUNS

García, Tex	13
Judge, NY	12
Robert Jr., Chi	12
Rooker, Oak	11
Devers, Bos	11

RBI

García, Tex	46
Devers, Bos	40
Alvarez, Hou	39
Arozarena, TB	36
Semien, Tex	35
Mullins, Bal	34

ERA

Gray, Min	1.64
Cole, NY	2.01
Rodriguez, Det	2.07
Ryan, Min	2.16
McClanahan, TB	2.34

SAVES

Clase, Cle	15
Bautista, Bal	11
Estévez, LA	10
Romano, Tor	10

STRIKEOUTS

Gausman, Tor	77
Ohtani, LA	71
Cole, NY	68
López, Min	66
Valdez, Hou	65

Yankees 6, Reds 2

Aaron Judge hit his seventh home run in as many games, and New York defeated Cincinnati.

All four umpires administered a foreign substance check on Yankees starter Clarke Schmidt in the fifth inning. He cleaned off his glove hand and stayed in.

YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Bauers lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.194
Bader ph-cf	2	0	1	1	0	0	.286
Judge rf-cf-rf	4	2	1	1	1	2	.278
Rizzo 1b	4	1	2	2	0	0	.300
Torres 2b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.248
Calhoun dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.219
Volpe ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.216
Cabrera 3b-rf-lf	3	1	1	0	1	0	.207
Higashioka c	4	1	1	2	0	3	.200
Hicks cf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.188
LeMahieu ph-3b	1	0	0	0	1	0	.260
TOTALS	34	6	7	6	4	10	—

REDS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
India 2b	3	1	1	0	1	2	.290
McLain ss	4	1	2	0	0	1	.333
Fraley lf	3	0	1	2	0	1	.277
Fairchild ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.214
Steer 1b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.255
Stephenson c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Senzel 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.264
Ramos dh	2	0	0	0	2	1	.242
Myers rf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.205
Barrero cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.230
TOTALS	30	2	6	2	5	11	—

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E: Gibaut (1). **LOB:** New York 5, Cincinnati 6. **2B:** Higashioka (3), McLain (2), Fraley (6). **HR:** Judge (13), off Lively; Rizzo (10), off Gibaut.

YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Schmidt	5	5	2	2	2	6	6.00
Cordero	1	1	0	0	1	2	2.25
Abreu	1	0	0	0	1	1	4.50
Peralta	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.04
Ramirez	1	0	0	0	1	0	2.45

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lively	5⅔	2	2	2	1	8	2.45
Gibaut	1⅓	3	1	1	0	1	3.10
Young	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.79
Bracho	⅔	1	3	3	3	0	8.10
Busenitz	⅓	1	0	0	0	0	9.00

WP: Schmidt (2-4); **LP:** Lively (1-2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Cordero 2-2, Gibaut 1-1, Busenitz 2-1. **T:** 2:42. **A:** 35,177 (43,891).

Rays 1, Brewers 0

Francisco Mejía had an eighth-inning sacrifice fly, and Tampa Bay beat Milwaukee.

Luke Raley was hit by a pitch from Peter Strzelecki leading off the eighth. Raley stole second, went to third on catcher William Contreras's throwing error and came home on Mejía's fly to left.

The Rays improved to 20-3 at home.

BREWERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Miller 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.345
Contreras c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.246
Yelich lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.252
Adames ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.211
Ruf dh	2	0	2	0	1	0	.250
Winker ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	.247
Anderson 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.234
Brosseau 1b	3	0	1	0	0	2	.230
Tellez ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.248
Taylor rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.180
Wiemer cf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.208
TOTALS	34	0	8	0	1	10	—

RAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
J.Lowe rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.305
Franco ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.286
Arozarena lf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.313
B.Lowe 2b	3	0	1	0	0	2	.204
Ramírez dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	.319
Paredes 3b-1b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.281
Raley 1b	2	1	0	0	0	1	.248
Walls 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.269
Siri cf	3	0	2	0	0	1	.240
Mejía c	2	0	1	1	0	0	.221
TOTALS	26	1	5	1	1	7	—

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E: Contreras (5). **LOB:** Milwaukee 8, Tampa Bay 4. **2B:** Contreras (8).

BREWERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Houser	6	4	0	0	1	4	3.07
Payamps	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.45
Strzelecki	1	1	1	1	0	1	3.54

RAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
McClanahan	7	6	0	0	1	7	2.05
Adam	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.84
Fairbanks	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.00

WP: Adam (1-1); **LP:** Strzelecki (2-3); **S:** Fairbanks (4). **HBP:** Strzelecki (Raley). **WP:** Fairbanks. **T:** 2:06. **A:** 18,961 (25,025).

NOTES

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Astros: 2B Jose Altuve, who had been sidelined since he broke his right thumb in the World Baseball Classic in March, was activated from the injured list and in the lineup against the Athletics on Friday night.

Brewers: LHP Wade Miley is expected to miss six to eight weeks with a muscle strain in the back of his throwing shoulder.

Cubs: Placed OF Cody Bellinger on the IL with a knee contusion, sent struggling RHP Keegan Thompson back to Class AAA Iowa and designated former all-star 1B Eric Hosmer for assignment.

Mets: Selected the contract of former all-star C Gary Sánchez from Class AAA Syracuse. Sánchez, 30, hit .308 with one homer, five RBI, nine walks and 10 strikeouts in eight games at Syracuse.

Rangers: RHP Jacob deGrom said he has "turned a corner" after throwing a 25-pitch bullpen session Friday as he works his way back from elbow inflammation.

Pirates 13, Diamondbacks 3

Ke'Bryan Hayes had three hits and three RBI and Bryan Reynolds homered for the first time in six weeks and drove in four runs as Pittsburgh hammered ace right-hander Zac Gallen and Arizona.

D'BACKS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Rojas 3b	5	0	2	2	0	1	.262
Marte 2b	2	0	0	0	2	0	.275
Ahmed ss	1	0	0	0	0	1	.253
Carroll rf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.275
Walker 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.263
Rivera 1b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.340
Gurriel Jr. lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.309
Smith dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.244
Moreno c	3	1	0	0	0	1	.313
Fletcher cf	3	1	0	0	1	2	.356
Perdomo ss-2b	4	1	1	1	0	2	.326
TOTALS	32	3	4	3	5	11	—

PIRATES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
McCutchen dh	4	2	3	0	1	1	.267
R.Castro ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.257
Reynolds lf	4	2	1	4	1	0	.294
Joe 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.264
Suwinski cf-lf	4	1	2	2	1	1	.236
Santana 1b	5	1	1	0	0	2	.240
Owings ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.143
Hayes 3b	5	1	3	3	0	0	.239
Marcano ss-2b	4	2	1	0	1	0	.258
Bae 2b-cf	4	2	3	1	1	0	.254
Palacios rf	4	1	3	3	1	1	.231
Hedges c	5	1	0	0	0	0	.159
TOTALS	41	13	17	13	6	5	—

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E: Rojas (3), Reynolds (2). **LOB:** Arizona 8, Pittsburgh 10. **2B:** Rojas (12), Santana (14), Hayes 2 (11), Bae (4), Suwinski (6). **HR:** Perdomo (4), off Oviedo; Reynolds (6), off Misiewicz.

D'BACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gallen	3⅔	8	8	5	4	2	2.95
Misiewicz	1⅓	4	3	3	0	2	5.62
Frías	2	1	0	0	2	1	14.5
Herrera	1	4	2	2	0	0	18.0

PIRATES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Oviedo	6	2	1	1	3	7	4.69
Underwood Jr.	⅓	1	2	2	2	0	5.48
Ramirez	1⅔	1	0	0	0	2	1.29
Holderman	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.65

WP: Oviedo (3-3); **LP:** Gallen (6-2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Misiewicz 1-0, Ramirez 1-0. **HBP:** Ramirez (Carroll). **T:** 2:59. **A:** 25,903 (38,753).

Cubs 10, Phillies 1

Nico Hoerner hit two two-run doubles in his return from the injured list, and Chicago ended a five-game skid and extended Philadelphia's losing streak to five.

Marcus Stroman allowed one run and three hits in six innings for the Cubs, who have won seven straight over the Phillies.

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Hoerner 2b	6	0	3	4	0	0	.310
Swanson ss	4	0	0	0	2	0	.263
Happ lf	4	0	1	0	0	3	.301
Tauchman ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Suzuki rf	4	1	2	0	1	2	.293
Wisdom dh	2	0	0	0	2	2	.235
Mastrobuoni ph-dh	2	1	0	0	1	1	.200
Mancini 1b	2	1	1	0	0	0	.265
Mervis ph-1b	2	1	0	0	1	2	.209
Gomes c	4	1	2	1	0	1	.292
Morel cf-lf	4	3	1	2	1	1	.359
Madrigal 3b	4	2	2	2	1	1	.253
TOTALS	39	10	12	9	7	13	—

PHILLIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Stott 2b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.279
Turner ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.257
Harper dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.309
Castellanos rf	2	0	0	1	1	0	.300
Schwarber lf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.172
Realmuto c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.298
Bohm 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.265
Marsh cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.274
Sosa 3b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.263
TOTALS	30	1	3	1	3	7	—

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E: Suzuki (1), Mervis (1), Turner (6). **LOB:** Chicago 11, Philadelphia 6. **2B:** Hoerner 2 (8), Suzuki (7), Harper (4). **HR:** Morel (6), off Bellatti.

CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Stroman	6	3	1	1	2	4	3.05
Merryweather	2	0	0	0	0	2	5.09
Burdi	1	0	0	0	1	1	9.00

PHILLIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Suárez	2	5	4	4	3	4	10.5
Hoffman	2	1	0	0	0	3	0.00
Uelmen	1	2	4	1	2	1	9.00
Vasquez	2	2	0	0	0	2	1.33
Kimbrel	1	0	0	0	0	3	6.19
Bellatti	⅓	1	2	2	1	0	6.17
Clemens	⅔	1	0	0	1	0	0.00

WP: Stroman (3-4); **LP:** Suárez (0-1). **HBP:** Vasquez (Happ). **T:** 2:54. **A:** 42,110 (42,901).

White Sox 2, Royals 0

Michael Kopech surrendered just one hit over a career-high eight innings to propel Chicago past Kansas City.

Kopech retired the first 16 batters before allowing a single to Michael Massey, who was erased on a double play. The hard-throwing right-hander finished with 10 strikeouts on 98 pitches.

Massey also broke up a no-hit bid by the Padres' Michael Wacha on Monday.

ROYALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Witt Jr. ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.230
Pasquantino 1b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.263
Perez c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.277
Melendez rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.220
Olivares dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.228
Pratto lf	3	0	0	0	0	3	.314
Dozier 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.183
Massey 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.217
Bradley Jr. cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.150
TOTALS	27	0	1	0	0	10	—

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Anderson ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.254
Benintendi lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.278
Robert Jr. cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.266
Moncada 3b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.317
Vaughn 1b	2	1	1	0	1	1	.240
Sheets rf	2	0	1	1	1	0	.253
Marisnick rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Burger dh	3	0	1	0	0	0	.279
González 2b	2	0	0	1	0	1	.132
Zavala c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.155
TOTALS	28	2	5	2	2	7	—

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E: Witt Jr. (3). **LOB:** Kansas City 0, Chicago 5.

ROYALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Greinke	5⅔	5	2	2	0	4	4.82
Kowar	2⅓	0	0	0	2	3	0.00

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kopech	8	1	0	0	0	10	4.83
Graveman	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.44

WP: Kopech (2-4); **LP:** Greinke (1-5); **S:** Graveman (3). **Inherited runners-scored:** Kowar 1-0. **T:** 2:06. **A:** 20,329 (40,241).

Orioles 6, Blue Jays 2

ORIOLES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Mullins cf	5	0	1	0	0	0	.264
Rutschman c	3	1	0	0	2	1	.280
Mountcastle 1b	3	1	1	3	1	0	.249
Santander dh	2	1	1	1	2	0	.266
Hays lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.303
McKenna rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.306
Mateo ss	4	1	1	0	0	2	.252
Frazier 2b	4	1	1	2	0	0	.229
Ortiz 3b	3	1	1	0	0	1	.238
Henderson ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.195
TOTALS	33	6	7	6	5	8	—

BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Springer rf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.228
Bichette ss	4	0	0	1	0	0	.321
Guerrero Jr. dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.311
Varsho lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.212
Chapman 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.303
Belt 1b	2	1	1	0	2	1	.255
Merrifield 2b	3	0	1	0	1	2	.264
Jansen c	4	0	2	1	0	0	.202
Kiermaier cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.325
TOTALS	33	2	8	2	3	8	—

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E: Bass (1). **LOB:** Baltimore 5, Toronto 7. **2B:** McKenna (5), Mullins (10), Belt (9), Springer (2). **HR:** Mountcastle (10), off Kikuchi; Santander (8), off Richards; Frazier (5), off Swanson. **RBI:** Mountcastle 3 (34), Santander (25), Frazier 2 (18), Jansen (22), Bichette (30). **SB:** Mateo (14).

ORIOLES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gibson	7	5	1	1	2	5	4.27
Cano	1	2	1	1	0	1	0.40
Bautista	1	1	0	0	1	2	1.29

BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kikuchi	4⅔	3	3	3	4	3	4.08
Richards	1⅓	1	1	1	0	2	4.67
Mayza	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.15
Bass	1	0	0	0	1	1	5.79
Swanson	⅔	2	2	2	0	2	2.86
Hatch	⅓	1	0	0	0	0	0.00

WP: Gibson (5-3); **LP:** Kikuchi (5-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Richards 1-0. **WP:** Gibson. **T:** 2:49. **A:** 32,485 (49,282).

ORIOLES' LEADERS

Entering Saturday's game.

Batters	Avg	H	2B	HR	RBI	BB
McKenna	.306	15	5	1	6	2
Hays	.303	44	10	5	14	10
Rutschman	.280	45	7	7	24	36
Urías	.278	27	7	1	16	11
Santander	.266	42	12	8	25	17
Mullins	.264	43	10	6	34	22
Mateo	.252	31	6	6	22	8
Mountcastle	.249	46	11	10	34	8
Vavra	.242	8	0	0	1	5
O'Hearn	.240	6	1	1	7	3

Mountcastle's homer lifts O's past Toronto

ORIOLES 6, BLUE JAYS 2

BY JACOB CALVIN MEYER

The Baltimore Orioles' first game against the Toronto Blue Jays in 2023 was similar to many the teams have played over the past few years.

Not as much in the fact that Baltimore won the game; the Orioles haven't posted a winning record against their American League East foe since 2017. Rather, it was Ryan Mountcastle blasting a home run off Blue Jays pitcher Yusei Kikuchi that evoked familiar feelings.

Mountcastle clobbered a three-run shot off Kikuchi in the third inning to propel the Orioles to a 6-2 win over the Blue Jays at Rogers Centre. There are few pitchers, teams or venues the Orioles slugger is more effective against than those three.

The 26-year-old entered Friday's series opener with a 1.014 OPS against Toronto in his four-year career — his best mark in at least 50 plate appearances against any team. But it's his success vs. Kikuchi that is even more profound. Mountcastle is now 5 for 10 with a double, four home runs — yes, four — and eight RBI against the Japan native.

Mountcastle's long ball was all pitcher Kyle Gibson needed. The veteran right-hander delivered one of his best starts as an Oriole, allowing five hits and two walks while striking out five in seven innings of one-run ball to end his three-game losing streak.

Anthony Santander hit a solo shot in the sixth, Adam Frazier added two insurance runs in the ninth with a blast of his own, and relievers Yennier Cano and Félix Bautista shut the door behind Gibson.

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Mets 10, Guardians 9 (10)

Pete Alonso tied the game with a grand slam in the seventh inning as New York rallied from a 5-0 deficit to edge Cleveland.

GUARDIANS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	4	1	0	0	1	0	.263
Rosario ss	5	1	2	1	0	0	.252
Ramírez 3b	3	2	0	0	2	0	.279
Naylor dh	5	1	3	5	0	0	.233
Bell 1b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.229
Arias pr-1b	1	1	1	2	0	0	.203
Giménez 2b	5	0	0	0	0	1	.230
Straw cf	5	1	1	0	0	2	.230
Brennan rf	3	1	1	0	1	0	.214
Gallagher c	4	1	2	1	0	1	.106
TOTALS	38	9	11	9	5	4	—

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	5	1	1	0	1	2	.295
Lindor ss	6	2	3	1	0	0	.235
McNeil 2b	4	1	1	1	1	1	.281
Alonso 1b	5	1	1	4	0	1	.233
Baty 3b	5	2	2	1	0	2	.250
Marte rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.231
Vientos dh	4	0	1	1	1	1	.250
Escobar pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	.211
Canha lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.228
Vogelbach ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.236
Álvarez c	4	2	2	2	0	0	.232
TOTALS	42	10	12	10	3	12	—

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Two outs when winning run scored.
E: Bell (2). **LOB:** Cleveland 5, New York 9. **2B:** Straw (7), Baty (4), Lindor (15). **HR:** Naylor (7), off Carrasco; Arias (3), off Smith; Álvarez (5), off Quantrill; Baty (4), off Quantrill; Alonso (17).

GUARDIANS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Quantrill	5⅔	6	3	3	0	6	4.06
Hentges	⅓	1	3	3	2	0	11.5
Karinchak	1	1	1	1	1	3	5.03
De Los Santos	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.20
Stephan	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.45
Clase	⅔	4	3	2	0	1	3.52

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Carrasco	5	5	5	5	2	3	8.68
Leone	1	4	2	2	1	0	7.04
Nogosek	⅔	1	0	0	2	0	4.58
Hunter	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	6.87
Ottavino	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.50
Robertson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.90
Smith	1	1	2	1	0	1	2.76

WP: Smith (3-1); **LP:** Clase (1-4). **Inherited runners-scored:** Hentges 1-0, Karinchak 3-3, Nogosek 3-2, Hunter 3-0. **HBP:** Quantrill 2 (Álvarez, Marte). **WP:** Nogosek. **T:** 3:08. **A:** 35,010 (42,136).

Braves 6, Mariners 2

Orlando Arcia's single off the right field wall drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh, Marcell Ozuna had three RBI, and Atlanta overcame another strong outing by Seattle rookie Bryce Miller.

Miller, making only his fourth major league start, led 2-1 before fading and leaving the game in the seventh.

MARINERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Crawford ss	4	0	2	0	0	0	.244
France 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.266
Rodríguez cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.211
Kelenic lf	3	1	1	0	1	0	.283
Suárez 3b	4	0	1	1	0	3	.224
Raleigh c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.235
Hernández rf	3	0	2	1	0	1	.244
Trammell dh	3	0	0	0	0	2	.129
Caballero 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.280
TOTALS	31	2	8	2	1	8	—

BRAVES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Acuña Jr. rf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.343
Olson 1b	4	1	2	2	0	0	.236
S.Murphy c	4	1	2	0	0	0	.275
Riley 3b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.251
Rosario lf	3	1	0	0	0	1	.246
Pillar ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.263
Albies 2b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.266
Ozuna dh	4	0	2	3	0	2	.189
Arcia ss	4	0	1	1	0	1	.338
Harris II cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.184
TOTALS	35	6	11	6	1	6	—

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LOB: Seattle 3, Atlanta 6. **2B:** Crawford (10), Rodríguez (8), Acuña Jr. (13), Olson (8). **HR:** Olson (12), off Topa.

MARINERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Miller	6⅓	4	3	3	1	4	1.42
Gott	⅓	2	0	0	0	1	2.08
Topa	⅓	3	3	3	0	0	2.60
Saucedo	1	2	0	0	0	1	0.00

BRAVES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Elder	6	7	2	2	1	6	2.06
McHugh	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.81
Anderson	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.79
Iglesias	1	0	0	0	0	1	6.75

WP: McHugh (2-0); **LP:** Miller (2-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Gott 2-2, Topa 2-0, Saucedo 2-2, McHugh 2-1. **WP:** Elder(2). **T:** 2:29. **A:** 40,412 (41,149).

Rangers 7, Rockies 2

Adolis Garcia homered for the fifth time in as many games, Corey Seager and Josh Jung hit two-run doubles in a five-run fifth inning, and Texas beat Colorado.

Martin Perez allowed two runs and seven hits in a season-high seven innings and matched a season high with seven strikeouts, including five looking, and walked none.

ROCKIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Blackmon dh	4	1	1	0	0	0	.272
Bryant rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.289
Díaz c	4	1	2	1	0	0	.336
Grichuk lf	4	0	2	1	0	0	.352
McMahon 3b	4	0	3	0	0	0	.229
Trejo 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.235
Doyle cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.237
Toglia 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.182
Tovar ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.211
TOTALS	35	2	8	2	0	7	—

RANGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Semien 2b	5	1	1	0	0	1	.291
Seager ss	4	1	1	2	0	0	.326
Lowe 1b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.260
García rf	3	2	1	2	0	2	.259
Jung 3b	3	1	2	2	1	1	.258
Heim c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.299
Grossman lf	4	0	1	1	0	0	.254
Duran dh	3	0	3	0	1	0	.307
Taveras cf	4	1	0	0	0	1	.287
TOTALS	33	7	10	7	3	6	—

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E: Tovar (3). **LOB:** Colorado 6, Texas 6. **2B:** Blackmon (10), Díaz (8), McMahon (13), Duran (8), Seager (5), Jung (7). **HR:** García (14), off Kauffmann.

ROCKIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kauffmann	4⅓	7	5	4	2	4	8.31
Lambert	2⅔	3	2	2	0	2	3.48
Abad	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00

RANGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pérez	7	7	2	2	0	7	4.01
Barlow	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Leclerc	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.77

WP: Pérez (5-1); **LP:** Kauffmann (0-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Lambert 1-1. **HBP:** Lambert (García). **T:** 2:23. **A:** 30,819 (40,000).

Astros 5, Athletics 1

Kyle Tucker homered, Jose Altuve made his season debut, and Houston beat Oakland for its fifth straight victory.

Tucker hit a two-run homer in the sixth that landed deep in right where many fans wore metallic gold crowns in honor of "King Tuck." It was Tucker's bobblehead night, honoring his 2022 Gold Glove.

ATHLETICS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Ruiz cf	4	1	2	0	1	0	.282
Noda 1b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.218
Rooker dh	4	0	0	0	0	4	.286
Langeliers c	3	0	1	1	1	0	.228
Bleday lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.255
Laureano rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.218
Peterson 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.215
Díaz ss	4	0	2	0	0	1	.178
J.Diaz 2b	2	0	1	0	1	0	.227
Kemp ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.168
TOTALS	33	1	8	1	4	10	—

ASTROS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Altuve 2b	4	0	0	0	1	0	.000
Bregman 3b	5	0	1	1	0	1	.223
Alvarez dh	5	1	2	0	0	0	.291
J.Abreu 1b	2	2	1	0	2	0	.223
Tucker rf	3	1	2	3	1	0	.282
Peña ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.253
Julks lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.261
Meyers cf	2	1	2	0	2	0	.259
Maldonado c	3	0	1	0	1	0	.182
TOTALS	32	5	10	4	7	5	—

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E: Díaz (2). **LOB:** Oakland 9, Houston 10. **2B:** Langeliers (4), Alvarez (10), Tucker (9), Meyers (7). **HR:** Tucker (7), off Waldichuk.

ATHLETICS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Waldichuk	5	5	4	3	5	3	6.85
Pruitt	1	2	0	0	1	1	3.60
Long	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.65
Erceg	1	2	1	1	1	1	9.00

ASTROS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bielak	5	5	1	1	3	9	2.89
Maton	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.82
Montero	1	1	0	0	1	1	5.79
B.Abreu	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.21
Pressly	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.44

WP: Bielak (1-1); **LP:** Waldichuk (1-3). **WP:** Erceg. **T:** 2:48. **A:** 34,931 (41,000).

Dodgers 5, Cardinals 0

Mookie Betts hit a three-run homer and Tony Gonsolin combined with four relievers on a two-hitter as Los Angeles beat St. Louis.

Gonsolin allowed just one hit and two walks in five innings. He picked up his first win Sunday after firing five scoreless innings.

DODGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Betts rf	4	2	1	3	1	0	.251
Freeman 1b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.317
Smith c	4	0	1	1	1	2	.314
Martinez dh	4	0	1	0	1	1	.239
Taylor 3b	3	0	1	1	0	2	.190
Muncy ph-3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.219
Vargas 2b	5	1	2	0	0	0	.239
Outman cf	4	0	1	0	1	3	.263
Rojas ss	5	0	1	0	0	0	.188
Thompson lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.111
Peralta ph-lf	0	1	0	0	1	0	.204
TOTALS	38	5	10	5	5	11	—

CARDINALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nootbaar cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.274
Goldschmidt 1b	1	0	0	0	3	0	.301
Gorman 2b	4	0	1	0	0	3	.294
Arenado 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.263
Contreras dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Donovan lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.248
DeJong ss	2	0	0	0	1	1	.274
Knizner c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.209
Edman ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.272
Mercado rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.429
Barrera c	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
TOTALS	29	0	2	0	4	7	—

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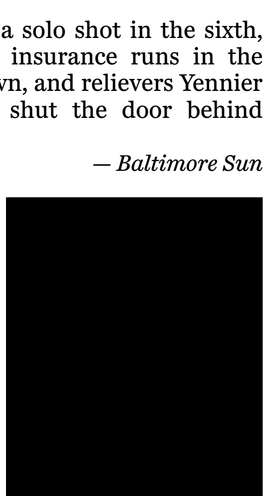
E: Rojas (2), Arenado (3). **LOB:** Los Angeles 12, St. Louis 6. **2B:** Freeman 2 (16), Vargas (11), Martinez (11), Taylor (5). **HR:** Betts (10), off Stratton.

DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gonsolin	5	1	0	0	3	3	1.12
Graterol	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.45
Miller	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.57
Ferguson	1	0	0	0	1	2	1.04
Cyr	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00

CARDINALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Matz	4⅔	6	1	0	2	6	5.05
Pallante	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	4.50
Hicks	1	0	0	0	1	2	5.03
Stratton	2	4	4	4	2	2	3.91

WP: Gonsolin (2-1); **LP:** Matz (0-5). **Inherited runners-scored:** Pallante 2-0. **HBP:** Hicks (Freeman). **T:** 2:54. **A:** 44,774 (44,494).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Interleague games

TIGERS AT NATIONALS, 4:05

	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Faedo (R)	0-1	4.22	0-2
Corbin (L)	2-5	4.65	4-5

ROCKIES AT RANGERS, 4:05

	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Freeland (L)	4-4	3.16	4-5
Gray (R)	3-1	3.15	4-4

GUARDIANS AT METS, 4:10

	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Bibee (R)	1-1	3.22	2-2
Scherzer (R)	3-2	4.88	4-2

BREWERS AT RAYS, 4:10

	W-L	ERA	TEAM
TBD	----	----	----
Eflin (R)	5-1	3.38	6-1

YANKEES AT REDS, 4:10

	W-L	ERA	TEAM
TBD	----	----	----
Weaver (R)	1-2	6.26	2-3

MARINERS AT BRAVES, 7:15

	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Gilbert (R)	1-2	3.91	3-5
TBD	----	----	----

RED SOX AT PADRES, 10:10

	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Sale (L)	3-2	5.40	5-3
Musgrove (R)	1-1	6.63	2-2

Interleague scores

THURSDAY'S RESULT
at N.Y. Mets 3, Tampa Bay 2

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Detroit 8, at Washington 6
at Tampa Bay 1, Milwaukee 0
N.Y. Yankees 6, at Cincinnati 2
at Atlanta 6, Seattle 2
at N.Y. Mets 10, Cleveland 9 (10)
at Texas 7, Colorado 2
Boston at San Diego, late

AL games

ORIOLES AT BLUE JAYS, 3:07

	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Rodriguez (R)	2-1	6.57	6-2
Manoah (R)	1-4	5.40	4-5

ROYALS AT WHITE SOX, 2:10

	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Lyles (R)	0-7	7.14	0-9
Giolito (R)	2-3	3.86	2-7

ATHLETICS AT ASTROS, 4:10

	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Sears (L)	0-3	5.27	2-6
Brown (R)	4-1	3.42	5-3

TWINS AT ANGELS, 10:07

	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Varland (R)	1-0	4.30	2-2
Sandoval (L)	3-2	3.22	4-4

AL scores

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
L.A. Angels 6, at Baltimore 5
Cleveland 3, at Chicago White Sox 1
N.Y. Yankees 4, at Toronto 2

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Baltimore 6, at Toronto 2
at Chicago White Sox 2, Kansas City 0
at Houston 5, Oakland 1
Minnesota at L.A. Angels, late

NL games

DIAMONDBACKS AT PIRATES, 4:05

	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Pfaadt (R)	0-1	8.59	2-1
Keller (R)	5-1	2.38	7-2

CUBS AT PHILLIES, 4:05

	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Taillon (R)	0-2	6.66	0-6
Nola (R)	3-3	4.53	4-5

MARLINS AT GIANTS, 4:05

	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Garrett (L)	1-2	5.40	5-2
Webb (R)	3-5	3.20	3-6

DODGERS AT CARDINALS, 7:15

	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Syndergaard (R)	1-3	5.94	4-4
Mikolas (R)	2-1	4.91	5-4

NL scores

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
at Miami 5, Washington 3
St. Louis 16, L.A. Dodgers 8

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
at Pittsburgh 13, Arizona 3
Chicago Cubs 10, at Philadelphia 1
L.A. Dodgers 5, at St. Louis 0
Miami at San Francisco, late

Irvin doesn't have it, leaving the Nats with too much of a deficit to overcome

TIGERS 8, NATIONALS 6

BY JESSE DOUGHERTY

When Jake Irvin walked off the mound Friday night — eyes straight ahead, a few fans clapping lightly behind the Nationals' dugout — he left behind the worst start of his young career, long before Washington made things more interesting than expected. Irvin didn't finish the third, with the Detroit Tigers tagging him for five hits and six runs, four of them earned.

He didn't help his case by issuing four walks. His defense didn't help much, either.

The result, an 8-6 win for the Tigers, was the Nationals' fourth straight loss. Their offense heated late against Tigers starter Matthew Boyd, who entered with a 6.47 ERA and didn't allow a hit until the sixth. Irvin, on the other hand, yielded a leadoff homer to Zach McKinstry and a three-run shot to Akil Baddoo in the third. His curveball, his go-to pitch, induced one whiff on seven swings. He never found a groove, putting the Nationals (18-27) in a hole they couldn't climb out of despite three runs in the sixth and seventh.

"Just making worse pitches," Irvin said of how Friday was different from his first three starts. "It was one of those days where off-speed is not landing as often and it's disappointing. . . . I wanted to set a tone.

Ahead of the series opener, Manager Dave Martinez provided a list of injury updates: Center fielder Victor Robles (back spasms) is progressing slowly.

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Keibert Ruiz hits a two-run homer in the seventh inning, cutting the Nationals' deficit to two runs.

Left-handed reliever Sean Doolittle (elbow surgery) continues to pitch every other day in West Palm Beach, Fla., and could do so on back-to-back days in the near future. Reliever Victor Arano (shoulder strain) had a setback during a recent bullpen session and will soon undergo another MRI exam. And starter Chad Kuhl (right foot metatarsalgia) is close to returning, whether that means a minor league rehab assignment or immediately rejoining the Nationals' staff.

Kuhl threw 65 pitches in four simulated innings at the start of the week. But asked Friday whether Kuhl will start again when healthy, Martinez was noncommittal. Kuhl posted a 9.41 ERA in 22 innings across his first five appearances. He often struggled with his command, walking 15 percent of the batters he faced (the major league average this year is 8.8). So when Irvin took his spot in the rotation May 3, it felt like a giant breath of fresh air for Washington.

Irvin was more effective *and* could be more easily projected in the Nationals' long-term plans. It feels logical, then, to eventually move Kuhl to the bullpen — slotting him as a third long man next to Erasmo Ramírez and Thaddeus Ward — and give Irvin an extended look, no matter what happened against the Tigers. But there is at least one counterpoint.

In 2022, Irvin's first season after undergoing Tommy John surgery, he reached 80 pitches in just five of his 24 minor league outings. Before he was promoted this spring, he topped out at 82 pitches with the Class AAA Rochester Red Wings. Since Irvin arrived in Washington, Martinez has repeatedly vowed to carefully manage his innings, hammering that he is not far removed from a major elbow procedure. That's easier to do in Rochester than in the majors, even if there's merit to feeding Irvin chances to build on what he has done well up here. And he has done a good bit well.

"We definitely have to keep an eye on him," Martinez said. "When he's like that, I told [pitching coach Jim] Hickey that when he gets to 75 pitches, that's enough."

Only 38 of those 75 pitches were strikes. Irvin started and ended the outing with a total lack of command. He issued a four-pitch walk in the first and third. He faced eight batters in all, 11 of whom reached base via hit, walk or error, five of whom reached base in the first alone.

Irvin's first-inning error came right after McKinstry smacked his solo homer to left-center. Luis García's error in the third, the second baseman's first of the season, came when he threw way wide of Dominic Smith, failing to turn an inning-ending double play. Instead, Irvin threw 18 more pitches — including the change-up Baddoo launched for his homer — and didn't make it out of the frame. And as far as defense went, Keibert Ruiz wasn't particularly sharp for Irvin behind the plate.

"From the first batter, the home run, he had the guy struck out," Martinez said of Irvin, implying his final line was misleading because of a missed call in that matchup with McKinstry and the shoddy defense. "I mean, I don't like . . . but that ball is pretty much right down the middle of the plate. He gives up a home run, and he could have gotten out of that inning with just one run. A ball back to him, and he just couldn't make the play. And then the double play ball [to García], that cost him another three runs. That's a difference in the ballgame."

By sharp contrast to Irvin, Boyd faced the minimum on 34 pitches through the first three innings. Hobie Harris, the first to relieve Irvin, recorded seven outs and was solid aside from Matt Vierling's solo homer to right. Ward, who relieved Harris to start the sixth, was greeted by Riley Greene's solo homer to right. Both blasts were relevant once the Nationals stormed back.

Boyd carried a no-hit bid to the sixth, facing the minimum 15 hitters through five. Then Ruiz connected with an outside change-up that Vierling couldn't snare while sprinting in. Two batters later, CJ Abrams hit a double to the right corner. A batter after that, Lane Thomas went deep for his sixth homer of May.

The Nationals had life. Before the inning was out, Joey Meneses chased Boyd with a ground-rule double that bounced off the warning track in left. They scored three more times in the seventh, their rally capped by Ruiz's two-run homer into Washington's bullpen. But they were already buried deep by Irvin's rough start, making those late sparks little more than a good sign for Saturday.

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JIM BROWN, 1936-2023

Legend was an unstoppable force as well as an immovable object

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and civil rights activist, Brown enjoyed a life full of iconic moments, but when considering all of him, he wasn't really an icon. He was Jim Brown. Jim. Brown. And there was little anyone could do to stop him.

He was one of the 10 most important athletes ever to put on a jersey. It doesn't do Brown justice to consider him only the most dominant running back in NFL history because, in college at Syracuse, he was also a lacrosse superstar in addition to lettering in basketball and track. He went to the NFL in 1957 and won three MVPs in nine record-breaking seasons with the Cleveland Browns, flashing his athletic collage of speed, power, agility and fearlessness. And then he left after the 1965 season, retiring from football officially at 30 years old, to focus on his acting career and to fight harder for African Americans seeking equality during a volatile period in American history.

"I could have played longer," Brown told Sports Illustrated of his decision, which he announced while filming "The Dirty Dozen" in London. "I wanted to play this year, but it was impossible. We're running behind schedule shooting here, for one thing. I want more mental stimulation than I would have playing football. I want to have a hand in the struggle that is taking place in our country, and I have the opportunity to do that now. I might not a year from now."

And that was it. Brown was done. He didn't attempt a comeback. He didn't entertain the idea, except for when he talked about the possibility in 1983 because Franco Harris was getting close to his rushing record. Brown was 47 at the time. Those who watched him win eight rushing titles probably wouldn't have doubted his ability to play at that age. He was from another time, and even though the game has evolved from the run-dominant era that he owned, Brown still looks on film like the rare player who could transport to today, 60 years later, and be a premier player without overhauling his style.

At 6-foot-2 and 230 pounds,

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Jim Brown won eight NFL rushing titles in nine seasons and also led the Browns in catches and receiving touchdowns in 1962.

Brown would be a slightly smaller Derrick Henry with even more game-breaking, big-play ability and a hand-eye coordination that also would have made him a dangerous receiving threat in a pass-happy league. Consider that Henry, in seven seasons, has three receiving touchdowns. In his nine seasons, Brown had 20. In 1962, in addition to his customary production running the football, Brown led Cleveland in receptions and receiving touchdowns. And he played on a broken toe the whole season. He did whatever he wanted on a football field.

He wanted to be just as free away from the game, and in pursuing such liberties for himself, he wanted to uplift his entire race, too. His approach was different from others', which led to controversy when Brown embraced Donald Trump after he became president. He believed in self-empowerment and didn't spend much energy on protest. He spoke his mind, but he tried to leverage his celebrity to convince civic leaders to support his causes, including the Amer-I-Can organization that he founded in 1988. For more than 30 years, the program has made an impact in the United States and abroad by helping gang members and prisoners recast their lives, but as Brown grew older, it became harder to fund it. Now his wife, Monique, will be left to maintain a key part of his legacy.

In a 1979 interview with The Washington Post, Brown explained his goals and how he wanted to be known.

"I was a symbol of a Black man who wanted all of my freedoms," he said. "It's very difficult for White America to understand that if you are part of football's elite why you are not satisfied with recognition and good money. . . . As an American citizen, I wanted the same rights as all Americans. Anyone who expected me to be overjoyed that I was doing well in football would be disappointed."

From the famous 1967 Cleveland Summit with Muhammad Ali and several prominent Black athletes of that era to his persistence in fighting for what he believed in, Brown did plenty to challenge and better society. But he shouldn't be remembered in the same way as Bill Russell, who died last summer. Brown's history of domestic violence, mostly against women, tarnishes any perception of him as a hero.

He was arrested at least seven times on suspicion of assault. In 1968, police suspected that Brown had thrown his girlfriend, Eva Bohn-Chin, off his second-story balcony in Hollywood. Bohn-Chin claimed that she fell accidentally and declined to testify, leading to the dismissal of an assault charge.

Despite numerous incidents and vile accusations, Brown avoided significant jail time. This is a difficult period in which so many revolutionary sports figures are exiting the world, and in Brown's case, parts of his life were as ugly as the bigotry he overcame. His defiance was necessary and toxic all at once. There's ample evidence that the strength many admired in his celebrity transformed into a violent temper in private. It's a wicked juxtaposition that makes everything about Brown, even appreciating him as a cultural figure to be reckoned with, difficult to capture.

Throughout his 87 years, Brown kept making people uncomfortable. It was entertaining. It was courageous. And it was dishonorable. In one famous life, Brown presented a confounding celebrity character study.

Now Brown is gone, an exit that feels as sudden as his departure from the NFL. Before the Super Bowl in February, I can't remember ever looking at Jim Brown and thinking he was old. Then there he was at the NFL Honors, appearing frail. He wasn't a specimen or a symbol anymore. He was vanishing.

The immovable, complicated star finally budged.

Brown, a three-time NFL MVP, remembered for his talent and civil rights work

BROWN FROM **D1**

in 1971.

"When Jim Brown's name was announced in a room, other Hall of Famers stood and applauded him," Jim Porter, the Hall of Fame's president, said in a statement. "His persona has stood the test of time — a fearless and dominant football player. Jim will always be remembered as one of pro football's greatest individuals. . . . The Hall of Fame will honor his legacy for years to come."

The flag at the Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, will be flown at half-staff in Brown's honor.

"There isn't a man who played running back in the NFL who didn't see Jim Brown as an iconic legend on and off the field," fellow Hall of Fame running back Tony Dorsett wrote on Twitter. "Rest easy, my brother."

Another all-time great at the position, Barry Sanders, wrote on Twitter: "You can't underestimate the impact Jim Brown had on the NFL. He will be greatly missed. Additionally, his generosity and friendship with my family is a gift that we will always treasure. Our thoughts [and] prayers are with the Brown Family [and] Browns fans at this time."

"To the world he was an activist, actor, and football star," Brown's wife, Monique, wrote on Instagram. "To our family, he was a loving and wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. Our hearts are broken."

Brown was named the NFL's MVP three times. He was selected to the Pro Bowl in each of his nine NFL seasons and held 15 league records, according to the Hall of Fame, when he retired in 1966 at 30.

Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay wrote Friday on Twitter that Brown was "THE greatest ever."

The Cleveland Browns wrote in a statement it is "impossible to describe the profound love and gratitude we feel for having the opportunity to be a small piece of Jim's incredible life and legacy. We mourn his passing, but celebrate the indelible light he brought to the world. Our hearts are with Jim's family, loved ones, and all those he impacted along the way."

Brown was a prominent actor and social activist after leaving football.

"Jim's presence, his ability to relate to all people, to guide people, to have leadership and perspective on so many things in life is really incredible," New England Patriots Coach Bill Belichick, who formerly coached the Browns, told ESPN last year. "I would kind of put him in a class by himself there."

Former Jacksonville Jaguars running back Fred Taylor wrote Friday on Twitter: "It was an honor to meet and speak with [Brown] over the years. His comments regarding my career are the only forms of validation that ever really mattered to me. [No.] 32 is THE GREATEST to EVER TOTE THE [football]: Rest in Heaven JB!"

Georgetown goalie's novel approach got him ready to start again

BY PATRICK STEVENS

Virginia vs. Georgetown
Today, noon, ESPNU

A lacrosse field might not be the most likely place to find literary inspiration.

The season Georgetown goalie Danny Hincks is experiencing might be an exception.

The graduate student's spring has paralleled the Hoyas': great optimism, a rocky start to the year and then a successful second act that has the program on the cusp of its first trip to the NCAA tournament semifinals since 1999.

"At some point if I ever write a book — I'm not sure I know how to — but if I ever do, the way Danny has handled being demoted, I'm literally going to write, 'That's exactly what you need to do,' " Georgetown Coach Kevin Warne said. "He's been a tremendous teammate."

Hincks will be in the cage again when the seventh-seeded Hoyas (13-3) meet second-seeded Virginia (12-3) on Saturday in a quarterfinal in Albany, N.Y. It is the teams' second quarterfinal meeting in three seasons.

The former Dartmouth goalie wasn't around for the Hoyas' 14-3 loss to the Cavaliers in 2021. He was stuck in pandemic purgatory like everyone else in the Ivy League that season, and the Big Green played just one game and one scrimmage. However, the Ivy League stuck with its rule limiting players to four years of eligibility, meaning Hincks needed to find another school to play his covid-era bonus season this year.

Enter Georgetown, which was the first program to contact him when he entered his name into the transfer portal. The Hoyas had a pressing need, too; first team all-American goalie Owen McElroy graduated after last season.

Hincks was part of a five-player haul of graduate transfers, and he immediately stood out — and not just because a late growth spurt shot him up to 6-foot-5, an unusual height for a goalie.

"He came in with an open mind and loving his new teammates, which I think was a really good sign for us because you never know how a guy who spent four years at a different program is going to act in a new locker room," senior defenseman James Donaldson said.

Hincks started 28 games at Dartmouth, and his experience helped him earn the nod to begin the season over Michael Scharfenberger. Then the Hoyas lost their opener at Johns Hopkins. A 9-7 loss at home a week later to Penn ensued, followed by a 15-8 drubbing against Notre Dame.

Suddenly a squad almost universally viewed as a top-five team in the preseason was 0 for February, and the search for ways to tweak things was on. With Hincks's save rate hovering around 50 percent, one solution was to turn to Scharfenberger.

The sophomore stepped in just as Georgetown began what has become a school-record 13-game winning streak. That sent Hincks to the sideline, and he felt there was only one choice he could make.

He talked to Scharfenberger, making clear his biggest priority was to win. And Warne said Hincks remained upbeat in weekly meetings with the team's seniors and graduate students.

"The team was so great having us five grad transfers in that I felt like the only right thing to do was to give my best effort every day, to give back to them and uphold my end of the bargain," Hincks said.

Part of that deal centered on not grumbling. Another part was remaining competitive just in case his turn came again. Scharfenberger would start the next seven games but was pulled after three quarters April 8 against Providence and again in the middle of the third quarter at Marquette.

Hincks entered both times, first solidifying a victory over the Friars and then a week later helping the Hoyas survive the trip to Milwaukee in an overtime victory.

"To his credit, he never expressed that disappointment vocally to us," Donaldson said. "Obviously, anyone who's starting at any position and losing that, it's tough and hard to handle, but he never expressed that to us. He just never let off the gas, and when the opportunity presented itself, he jumped on it."

Georgetown had a quick turnaround heading into its next game. Warne and assistant coach David Shriver talked extensively the day after the Marquette victory about what to do about the goalies. Two days later, Hincks started and played more than three quarters of a 23-7 rout of Loyola.

The Hoyas would yield less than 10 goals in three of their next four games, including a 14-5 defeat of Denver in the Big East title game, as Hincks stabilized the back end of an improving defense. But his way of handling things didn't change much.

"He brought the same energy," Warne said. "Danny is very emotionless, and I think that's a good thing as a goalie. He is literally just levelheaded the entire time."

There is one big difference for Hincks at this point in the year: His last lacrosse games in May came during his high school career. Now, after a spring of yo-yoing out of the Hoyas' lineup and back into it, he has a chance to play on the final weekend of the season.

Think of that as just one more plot twist for Warne to toss into his book, if he ever gets around to it.

"Especially with how we started out, 0-3, getting to a position like this and having an opportunity to play a great team like Virginia to get to Memorial Day weekend is all we can ask for," Hincks said.

Gonzaga's conquering hero returns to the school where it all began

BY SPENCER NUSBAUM

PHOTOS BY JOHN MCDONNELL/THE WASHINGTON POST

TOP: Heisman Trophy winner Caleb Williams had his No. 18 jersey retired during a pep rally at his alma mater. BELOW: Williams and Bulldogs football coach Randy Trivers share a moment Friday.

According to Gonzaga College High football coach Randy Trivers, Caleb Williams left a legacy that will never truly fade away. Even if Williams never returned to the Bulldogs' campus in Northwest Washington, Trivers implied, his impact *still* would be immeasurable.

But Williams, the 2022 Heisman trophy winner, 2021 graduate of Gonzaga and 2018 Washington Catholic Athletic Conference champion, is the sort of hero who returns. On Friday afternoon, having traveled to his alma mater's gymnasium for a pep rally in his honor, the University of Southern California quarterback spoke, and Gonzaga fans hung on every syllable.

Williams, who is expected to go No. 1 in the 2024 NFL draft, is used to the attention. But on Friday, he was back at home. He was Gonzaga's superstar. On Friday, to his surprise, the school retired his No. 18 jersey.

"This is the greatest institution known to man," Williams said midway through his speech to a crowd of Gonzaga students and faculty. "Whether it's the brotherhood we talk about, the togetherness . . . I will forever love this institution."

Williams, whose Heisman came in a season in which he threw for 4,537 yards and 42 touchdowns and led his team to an 11-3 record, returned to D.C. this week to promote the East Coast launch of the Caleb Cares Foundation, which he started to promote mental health awareness and prevent bullying. With a fundraiser later Friday night and a first pitch to throw at Nationals Park on Saturday, Williams first recaptured the attention of Gonzaga.

"Today was special just in the sense of — this is kind of where a lot of my dreams and goals festered and started to become reality," Williams said after the speech. "A lot of it started here with this brotherhood, this community and this bond that I built with the brotherhood at Gonzaga."

With the gaze of hundreds on him, Williams looked right at home. When he jogged in, he tapped the roof of the door frame. Opting for comfort, he wore sweatpants and a T-shirt. When offered a choice between the glass podium onstage and the floor that left just several yards between him and the students, he opted for the floor, a decision that enticed a baritone roar from the Gonzaga students who wore purple shirts with his name and number on the back.

On the field just a few years earlier, Williams thrust himself into program history. As a sophomore, Williams snapped Gonzaga's 16-year WCAC championship drought, leading the Eagles to the championship on a last-second Hail Mary to cap a 20-point comeback. By the end of his high school career, he was one of the top recruits in the nation; he committed to Oklahoma before following Coach Lincoln Riley to USC.

In his Heisman speech in December, Williams thanked his brotherhood at Gonzaga and praised Trivers. On Friday, after watching a video montage of Williams's high school and college highlights set to the theme from "Superman," Trivers had the chance to respond.

"It means everything [to have him back]," Trivers said. "Not everybody can be the Heisman Trophy winner, but the qualities we talk about . . . the athletes that make their team, family, community better — our community can rally around those things. This is a person who is a part of this community forever. He's a Gonzaga man."

Williams, for all of his on-field accolades, echoed his coach's sentiment.

"When I go places, always want to leave a footprint and not only just a footprint but a positive and motivational kind of footprint," Williams said. "Like, 'This is possible, this is feasible, this can happen to me.' All you have to do is work hard and set your mind to something and you can go get it."

Toward the end of the rally, at the behest of his coach, Williams re-created the championship-winning Hail Mary with wide receiver John Marshall, who now plays at Navy. At the rally's close, before the rush for photos, interviews and signatures began, the students gathered in a semicircle and collectively recreated the Heisman pose.

"This was really cool," Williams said. "Hopefully I can keep placing my footprint wherever I go."

VISAA SOFTBALL FINAL

Knights run their reign to 11 but need rally to do so

O'CONNELL 4, POTOMAC SCHOOL 2

BY NOAH FERGUSON

Bishop O'Connell was in unfamiliar territory in the bottom of the fifth inning of the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association state softball championship Friday. The undefeated Knights were playing from behind — even with reigning All-Met Player of the Year Katie Kutz on the mound — and had just a handful of outs left to come back against Potomac School in their final game of the season.

With two outs in the inning, sophomore catcher Ari Clark stepped up to the plate with the bases loaded and soon faced a full count. She swung at the payoff pitch and sent a drive into center field that dropped to the grass and scored three Knights. It was their first lead of the game.

"I hit the ball, and I just thought, 'Let this ball drop,' " Clark said afterward by phone in Sutherland. "I was just happy that I could produce for my team when they needed me."

Her hit proved to be the deciding one in the Knights' 4-2 victory over Potomac School. O'Connell (21-0) took home its 11th straight VISAA title and 27th state championship over the past 29 seasons. It was their fourth straight title game victory over the Panthers (17-2).

Kutz fanned 14 Panthers in her final outing.

Unlike in last year's comfortable 7-2 victory over Potomac, the Knights' dominance wasn't evident early Friday. A double down the third base line by Potomac star Abby Rebhan scored a run in the opening frame, and another double moments later by Alexis Vaughan made the lead 2-0.

O'Connell wasn't panicking.

"I didn't feel very nervous, I actually felt relaxed," Clark said. "Coach Suzy [Willemssen] reminds us we have competitive stamina; this is what we are made for."

With one swing of the bat in the fifth inning, the Knights were given new life. Clark's single sent O'Connell's dugout into a frenzy. A parade of base runners sprinted to home plate as the Knights, who trailed 2-1 before that, celebrated their sudden advantage.

Kutz finished the job in typical fashion, striking out five of the final six batters before a groundout capped another dominant season for the perennial powerhouse.

Willemssen drove the VISAA trophy up to the tournament Wednesday and perched it on a seat in her car as she spoke with her team.

"I said 'Hey, look what's in the car,' " she said. " 'That's going to be its seat coming back home.' "

As has become routine for the Knights for most of three decades, that trophy will be O'Connell's to keep until next spring.

MARYLAND 4A BOYS' LACROSSE SEMIFINAL

Warriors march into first state final

SHERWOOD 11, CHURCHILL 6

BY SHANE CONNUCK

During the fourth quarter of Sherwood's 11-6 win over Churchill in the Maryland 4A boys' lacrosse semifinals Friday night, the Warriors' packed student section began chanting, "I believe that we will win."

As the chant from the black-clad bunch reverberated, senior attackman Drew Stahley glanced at his sideline at Paint Branch High in Burtonsville, where players were jumping with excitement. Reality began to settle in: The Warriors were about to reach their first state title game in program history.

"It was a surreal moment," said Stahley, who scored two goals.

In the 4A championship next week at Stevenson University in Owings Mills, Sherwood (16-2) will play the winner of Saturday's semifinal between top-seeded Broadneck and Urbana.

The Warriors, playing in their third straight semifinal, came up a goal shy against Severna Park in 2021 and dropped a 10-8 decision to the Bulldogs (15-2) last spring.

Friday's matchup was the third between the Montgomery County heavyweights this season. Sherwood rolled to a 9-6 win May 3 before Churchill won by the same score in the county championship less than a week later.

"The team was ready," Sherwood Coach Matt Schneider said. "We knew what the matchups were. We knew our strengths, their strengths. . . . It was more about playing with heart and wanting it more. We knew we had the ability to win the game; it was more about playing it the right way, and they showed up and did that."

Churchill, which became the first Montgomery County team to win a 4A title last year, bowed out after another strong season. Sherwood is the only team to beat the Bulldogs this year, and until the region tournament Churchill scored at least 12 goals in every game outside its two matchups with the Warriors.

Senior midfielder Jackson Derrick scored four goals to pace Sherwood's attack.

Sophomore midfielder Andrew Bergesen held the ball on his own end line as the clock ran out in the fourth quarter, then launched the ball into the air in celebration.

After the players spent a moment in front of their student section by the bleachers, Schneider huddled the Warriors on their sideline.

"We prepare for a state championship game tomorrow," he said as the team broke.

The title game will be next week, with a precise date to be determined.

Huntingtown falls in 2A

With just under two minutes left in regulation, Huntingtown senior attackman Nate Duvall dashed up the end line, stumbled forward and floated in a shot from the side of the cage.

The top-seeded Hurricanes traded goals throughout their 8-7 overtime loss to No. 4 seed Kent Island on Friday in Burtonsville until the Buccaneers scored consecutive goals late to take their first lead.

That shot from Duvall tied the game at 7, but early in the ensuing overtime period, some Hurricanes were burying their heads in the turf once a Kent Island shot barreled into the netting.

Huntingtown (18-1), which hasn't lost a regular season game since 2019, suffered its first defeat since it fell in last year's 2A championship to Kent Island, which plays the winner of Easton and Hereford in next week's 2A final.

MARYLAND 3A LACROSSE SEMIFINALS

Diez's eruption keeps Falcons alive

SEVERNA PARK 13, WESTMINSTER 12 (OT)

BY NICKY WOLCOTT

A Westminster goal that doubled the Owls' advantage with just more than a minute remaining Friday seemed to dash Severna Park's hopes of an appearance in the Class 3A girls' lacrosse state championship.

Except Charlotte Diez wasn't ready for her Falcons career to end.

The senior attacker scored two goals with less than 30 seconds remaining to force overtime, then was mobbed by onrushing teammates after notching the walk-off winner in Severna Park's 13-12 victory in the state semifinals in Gambrills.

"All we really could do is believe and stay really strong," said Diez, a Villanova signee. "I'm still in shock, but I think that us seniors, we've had so many opportunities at this game . . . we don't want to go out this way. We just played our hearts out."

Severna Park (16-3) will get the opportunity next week to avenge a one-goal loss in last year's 3A state championship and add to its 14 state titles. It's an unlikely position considering the Falcons led for only about two minutes during regulation Friday and trailed by four goals at halftime.

The Owls dominated the circle in the opening half, winning 11 of 14 draws. Westminster (12-6) cashed in with a pair of runs that spanned three or more goals en route to a 9-5 halftime lead.

Severna Park's first-year coach, Annie Houghton, put Alyssa Gore-Chung, the Falcons' leading scorer, in the draw circle near the end of the first half. Gore-Chung evened out the draw control battle in the second half and won the crucial overtime draw to give Severna Park its game-winning possession.

The Falcons' second-half adjustments on both sides of the field proved valuable.

"We did switch up some defenders as to who we wanted to mark in certain areas, and that made a difference," Houghton said.

Houghton, who previously guided the school's junior varsity team, inherited a squad that lost seven seniors to graduation but still has plenty of experience, with seven seniors starting.

The Falcons will play for their first championship since 2019 against either Towson or Linganore.

"Now I'm just like, 'We're meant to be in this game, we're meant to win this,' " Diez said. "We're in this for a reason, and I'm not going out without a ring."

Falcons boys keep rolling

Severna Park will get a chance to claim its seventh consecutive state title after downing Chopticon in dominant fashion, 23-4, in a Maryland 3A boys' state semifinal, also in Gambrills.

The Falcons (15-4) jumped all over the Braves (13-4) from the opening faceoff and scored 10 goals in the opening quarter. Severna Park held a 20-2 advantage at halftime and was led by sophomore attacker Jack Fish, who scored seven goals in the first half.

Severna Park will look to break the state record for consecutive championships when it takes on the winner of Linganore and Mount Hebron in the Maryland 3A state title game next week.

"We had a tough game against Towson, and we didn't really bring the energy, but we did in the fourth quarter," Coach Dave Earl said, referencing the team's 8-5 quarterfinal win Wednesday. "We just tried to capture that same energy in practice yesterday. . . . It's really starting to click, and our boys are really finding the net."

NHL ROUNDUP

Vegas opens West finals with an overtime victory

GOLDEN KNIGHTS 4, STARS 3 (OT)

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brett Howden scored from behind the net off Dallas Stars goalie Jake Oettinger 1:35 into overtime Friday night to give the Vegas Golden Knights a 4-3 victory in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals in Las Vegas.

Jamie Benn forced the extra period when he scored on a six-on-five with 1:59 left in regulation.

This was the third time in four meetings this season these teams went beyond regulation to determine the winner. Dallas won twice in the regular season in shootouts.

William Karlsson scored two goals for Vegas, giving him seven this postseason and extending his point streak to three games. Teddy Blueger also scored, Zach Whitecloud had two assists, and Adin Hill stopped 33 shots.

Roope Hintz and Jason Robertson each had a goal and an assist for the Stars. Hintz has 10 postseason goals and 12 assists and has hit the back of the net in four of the past five games. Joe Pavelski recorded two assists, and Oettinger made 33 saves.

Game 2 is Sunday in Las Vegas.

The Stars struck first, taking advantage of a quirky bounce off the boards where the Zamboni enters. The puck ended up on Hintz's stick, and he took a shot from the high slot that Robertson redirected for a 1-0 lead with 1:16 left in the first.

The Knights evened the score midway through the second period when Whitecloud sent a shot from the point off the boards behind the net to Karlsson.

Karlsson put the Knights up 2-1 early in the third before Hintz answered for the Stars at 4:10 of the period. Blueger took advantage of a scrum in the crease to score at 9:20 of the third before Benn tied it up in the final two minutes.

Connecticut wants Coyotes

Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont (D) said he's planning to meet with NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman about the possibility of moving the Arizona Coyotes to Hartford.

Lamont told reporters during a news availability that he reached out to the NHL and hopes the meeting can take place sometime next week.

"This is a great hockey state and a great hockey town," Lamont told CT Insider. "It's evidenced by the passion we have for the Whalers going back years — still one of the best-selling jerseys. I think we can guarantee them a very strong market right here and a government that's ready to come and be their partner."

Talk of a relocation for the Coyotes has taken on steam since voters in Tempe this week rejected a referendum for a $2.3 billion entertainment district that would allow the franchise to build a new arena there.

• **MAPLE LEAFS:** Toronto is looking for a new general manager after the team announced that it decided to part ways with Kyle Dubas.

The Maple Leafs this year won a playoff series for the first time in nearly two decades. Dubas's contract was scheduled to expire June 30.

Dubas, 37, said Monday he wasn't sure whether he would continue on as GM, citing the stress on his young family.

• **MISC.:** The NHL Players' Association promoted Ron Hainsey to assistant executive director, putting him in a prominent position on new leader Marty Walsh's staff.

Pack of leaders at PGA is flummoxed by sixth hole

PGA FROM D1

rainfall shooed the wind.

From behind, this hole dubbed "Double Trouble" bears a sign telling how an "army of 3,000 French and Indians crossed these grounds twice in July 1687." From the right side, it has a native area of unkempt mud and weedy reeds where Dustin Johnson visited for a penalty shot early Friday and a duck milled around with her 11 ducklings late Friday. From the left side, it has a grandstand serving the kinds of products often necessary for viewing such carnage. At the tee late Friday lay two crumpled beer cans — presumably not from players, but you never know.

"I think 500 yards into the wind with water by the right and by the green, it just makes for a tough hole," said Phil Mickelson, who will play the weekend after sneaking in on the cut line of 5 over.

"It's crazy difficult," said Mito Pereira, the Chilean who almost won this thing last year in Tulsa and who stands six shots off the lead. Asked whether it's fair, he said: "Today, I don't know. I mean, it's playing pretty long."

"The length, first of all," said Conners, the 31-year-old Canadian in his 18th major with three top 10s, all at the Masters. "The tee shot is difficult. If you get in the rough, you have no chance to go for the green, pretty much. Even if you hit the fairway, you really can't hit the green in two, so it's just a hard hole."

The funny thing about that is that a sixth hole at Oak Hill once qualified for the pushover hall of fame. That happened at the 1989 U.S. Open, where the No. 6 of that time happened to be the 167-yard par 3 that staged one of the most remarkable sequences in golf history: four holes-in-one from among the first 33 players on the Friday of that event (Doug Weaver, Mark Wiebe, Jerry Pate and Nick Price). As Rick Reilly wrote in Sports Illustrated at the time: "And you know that somebody sitting at the 6th hole was seeing golf played for the first time: *These guys aren't so great. A lot of 'em don't even make it.*"

And with course redesigns also art forms, the one Andrew Green fashioned here from 2015 to 2019 has gotten its nods.

"I was really, really impressed" upon first sight, Conners said. "I thought it's a spectacular test of golf. It's demanding."

"It's just a good, hard, fair test," Mickelson said.

"You get rewarded for good shots out here," Scheffler said, "and if you execute, you can birdie pretty much any hole. Granted, it's going to take two pretty incredible golf shots to do that, but it can be done."

Old Oak Hill, born in 1926 before serial makeovers all the way into its dotage, seemed to be trying hard to reward excellence as Scheffler and Conners went 67-68 while Hovland went 68-67. It had Scheffler, the 2022 Masters champion, a winner twice this year and ranked second in the world; Bryson DeChambeau, the 2020 U.S. Open champion two shots back after his gut-it-out 71 with a double bogey on No. 6 followed his opening 66; long-promising American and former Southern California Trojan Justin Suh at 3 under, two from the lead; and then more shine just below.

Here came Koepka, the four-time major winner who grimaced at his own waywardness Thursday but then parred the entire front nine and birdied five times on the back nine, just about all of it with textbook accuracy for birdie putts of six, six, 11, 13 and six feet. His great 66 left him at 2 under. There stood habitual contender Justin Rose, at 1 under after his 69-70 on the par-70 track. Here came 2019 British Open winner Shane Lowry, who birdied six of the eight holes between Nos. 8 and 15 before two closing bogeys left him at even par.

And writhing around back there alongside Lowry and seven others at even par, was that Rory McIlroy? That was Rory McIlroy. He birdied No. 18 from 16 feet and felt something approaching amazement.

"I think how terribly I've felt over the golf ball over the last two days," he said, "the fact that I'm only five back — yeah, not saying I could be up there with one of my best performances, but when I holed that putt at the last, I looked at the board, and I thought, I can't believe I'm five back."

They all went toward a weekend forecast of rain and suspense, with only nine players under par and a course grudging in its fairness. "It's exciting," said Hovland, still just 25, "but you have to focus on every single shot you are hitting. Your mind can easily start to wander, and you hit a bad shot because of that, and now suddenly it's not as exciting."

That might go double at Double Trouble.

SCOREBOARD

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HEAT ELIMINATED KNICKS, 4-2
Game 1: Miami 108, at New York 101
Game 2: at New York 111, Miami 105
Game 3: at Miami 105, New York 86
Game 4: at Miami 109, New York 101
Game 5: at New York 112, Miami 103
Game 6: at Miami 96, New York 92

CELTICS ELIMINATED 76ERS, 4-3
Game 1: Philadelphia 119, at Boston 115
Game 2: at Boston 121, Philadelphia 87
Game 3: Boston 114, at Philadelphia 102
Game 4: at Philadelphia 116, Boston 115 (OT)
Game 5: Philadelphia 115, at Boston 103
Game 6: Boston 95, at Philadelphia 86
Game 7: at Boston 112, Philadelphia 88

WESTERN CONFERENCE
NUGGETS ELIMINATED SUNS, 4-2
Game 1: at Denver 125, Phoenix 107
Game 2: at Denver 97, Phoenix 87
Game 3: at Phoenix 121, Denver 114
Game 4: at Phoenix 129, Denver 124
Game 5: at Denver 118, Phoenix 102
Game 6: Denver 125, at Phoenix 100

LAKERS ELIMINATED WARRIORS, 4-2
Game 1: L.A. Lakers 117, at Golden State 112
Game 2: at Golden State 127, L.A. Lakers 100
Game 3: at L.A. Lakers 127, Golden State 97
Game 4: at L.A. Lakers 104, Golden State 101
Game 5: at Golden State 121, L.A. Lakers 106
Game 6: at L.A. Lakers 122, Golden State 101

CONFERENCE FINALS
Best of seven; x-If necessary.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HEAT LEADS CELTICS, 2-0
Game 1: Miami 123, at Boston 116
Game 2: Miami 111, at Boston 105
Sunday's game: Boston at Miami, 8:30, TNT
Tuesday's game: Boston at Miami, 8:30, TNT
x-Thursday's game: Miami at Boston, 8:30, TNT
x-Saturday, May 27: Boston at Miami, 8:30, TNT
x-Monday, May 29: Miami at Boston, 8:30, TNT

WESTERN CONFERENCE
NUGGETS LEAD LAKERS, 2-0
Game 1: at Denver 132, L.A. Lakers 126
Game 2: at Denver 108, L.A. Lakers 103
Saturday's game: Denver at L.A. Lakers, 8:30, ABC
Monday's game: Denver at L.A. Lakers, 8:30, ESPN
x-Wednesday's game: L.A. Lakers at Denver, 8:30, ESPN
x-Friday's game: Denver at L.A. Lakers, 8:30, ESPN
x-Sunday, May 28: L.A. Lakers at Denver, 8:30, ESPN

NBA FINALS
TBD

Heat 111, Celtics 105

	1	2	3	4	F
MIAMI	24	30	21	36	111
BOSTON	25	25	33	22	105

MIAMI: Butler 12-25 3-3 27, Love 0-3 0-0 0, Adebayo 7-17 8-8 22, Strus 3-6 3-4 11, Vincent 2-8 4-4 9, Martin 11-16 0-0 25, Robinson 6-9 0-0 15, Zeller 1-3 0-0 2, Lowry 0-5 0-0 0. **Totals** 42-92 18-19 111.

BOSTON: Horford 1-5 0-0 2, Tatum 10-20 11-12 34, Williams III 5-5 3-4 13, Brown 7-23 1-2 16, Smart 2-5 2-2 7, Williams 4-6 0-0 9, Brogdon 4-9 4-4 13, White 4-6 0-0 11. **Totals** 37-79 21-24 105.

Three-point Goals: Miami 9-26 (Robinson 3-6, Martin 3-7, Strus 2-5, Vincent 1-4, Butler 0-1, Lowry 0-3), Boston 10-35 (White 3-5, Tatum 3-10, Williams 1-2, Smart 1-3, Brogdon 1-5, Brown 1-7, Horford 0-3). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Miami 45 (Adebayo 17), Boston 35 (Tatum 13). **Assists:** Miami 23 (Adebayo 9), Boston 22 (Tatum 8). **Total Fouls:** Miami 17, Boston 20. **A:** 19,156 (18,624)

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	1	0	1.000	—
Connecticut	1	0	1.000	—
Washington	1	0	1.000	—
New York	0	1	.000	1
Indiana	0	1	.000	1
Atlanta	0	0	.000	—

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	0	0	.000	—
Seattle	0	0	.000	—
Dallas	0	0	.000	—
x-Phoenix	0	0	.000	—
x-Los Angeles	0	0	.000	—
Minnesota	0	1	.000	—

x-Late game

REGULAR SEASON BEGINS
FRIDAY'S RESULTS
at Washington 80, New York 64
Connecticut 70, at Indiana 61
Chicago 77, at Minnesota 66
Phoenix at Los Angeles, late

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Atlanta at Dallas, 1
Las Vegas at Seattle, 3

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Washington at Connecticut, 1
Indiana at New York, 2
Chicago at Phoenix, 4

Mystics 80, Liberty 64

	1	2	3	4	F
NEW YORK	12	14	18	20	64
WASHINGTON	17	22	21	20	80

NEW YORK: Laney 3-9 2-2 10, Stewart 3-10 6-7 12, Jones 2-6 0-0 5, Ionescu 7-20 2-3 18, Vandersloot 4-10 0-0 8, Thornton 2-4 1-2 7, Willoughby 0-0 0-0 0, Dolson 1-5 0-0 2, Xu 0-1 0-0 0, Prince 1-2 0-0 2. **Totals** 23-67 11-14 64.

WASHINGTON: Delle Donne 5-9 2-2 13, Sykes 3-10 2-2 9, Austin 3-7 0-1 6, Atkins 5-10 3-3 14, Cloud 6-14 1-1 14, Hawkins 4-8 0-0 8, Zahui B 0-1 0-0 0, Meng 0-0 0-0 0, Toliver 4-7 0-0 10, Walker-Kimbrough 2-4 2-2 6. **Totals** 32-70 10-11 80.

Three-point Goals: New York 7-31 (Laney 2-3, Thornton 2-3, Ionescu 2-9, Jones 1-3, Dolson 0-1, Prince 0-1, Xu 0-1, Stewart 0-5, Vandersloot 0-5), Washington 6-23 (Toliver 2-4, Delle Donne 1-1, Sykes 1-3, Atkins 1-4, Cloud 1-6, Walker-Kimbrough 0-2, Hawkins 0-3). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** New York 40 (Stewart 12), Washington 32 (Sykes 9). **Assists:** New York 18 (Vandersloot 6), Washington 23 (Cloud 6). **Total Fouls:** New York 13, Washington 17. **A:** 4,200 (4,200)

HIGH SCHOOLS

BASEBALL
MARYLAND
2A State quarterfinal: Patuxent 11, Randallstown 0
2A State quarterfinal: Sparrows Point 7, Glenelg 3
3A State quarterfinal: Huntingtown 6, Poly 1
4A State quarterfinal: Severna Park 6, Whitman 4
State quarterfinal: C. Milton Wright 4, Magruder 0
River Hill 6, North Hagerstown 1

PRIVATE
VISAA Division I semifinal: Benedictine 2, Paul VI 1

VIRGINIA
Independence 5, Riverside 4

SOFTBALL
MARYLAND
2A State quarterfinal: Calvert 8, Walkersville 2
3A State quarterfinal: Huntingtown 10, Linganore 9
4A State semifinal: Sherwood 18, Glen Burnie 0
Damascus 7, Franklin 0

PRIVATE
VISAA Division I championship: Bishop O'Connell 4, Potomac School 2

VIRGINIA
District championship: McLean 4, Wakefield 0
Woodgrove 9, Riverside 2

BOYS' LACROSSE
MARYLAND
2A State semifinal: Kent Island 8, Huntingtown 7 (OT)
3A State semifinal: Severna Park 23, Chopticon 4
4A State semifinal: Sherwood 11, Churchill 6

PRIVATE
MIAA Division A championship: McDonogh 14, Calvert Hall 5

VIRGINIA
District championship: Riverside 12, Briar Woods 11
Region quarterfinal: Freedom (South Riding) 17, Hylton 1

GIRLS' LACROSSE
MARYLAND
3A State semifinal: Severna Park 13, Westminster 12 (OT)

VIRGINIA
Region quarterfinal: Colgan 19, Freedom (South Riding) 11
Independence 18, Riverside 15

GIRLS' TENNIS
VIRGINIA
Region first round: McLean 5, Chantilly 0

BOYS' SOCCER
VIRGINIA
District championship: Herndon 3, McLean 2

GIRLS' SOCCER
VIRGINIA
Brentsville District 9, Manassas Park 0

HOCKEY

Stanley Cup playoffs

FIRST ROUND
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
PANTHERS ELIMINATED BRUINS, 4-3
Game 1: at Boston 3, Florida 1
Game 2: Florida 6, at Boston 3
Game 3: Boston 4, at Florida 2
Game 4: Boston 6, at Florida 2
Game 5: Florida 4, at Boston 3 (OT)
Game 6: at Florida 7, Boston 5
Game 7: Florida 4, at Boston 3 (OT)

HURRICANES ELIMINATED ISLANDERS, 4-2
Game 1: at Carolina 2, N.Y. Islanders 1
Game 2: at Carolina 4, N.Y. Islanders 3 (OT)
Game 3: at N.Y. Islanders 5, Carolina 1
Game 4: Carolina 5, at N.Y. Islanders 2
Game 5: N.Y. Islanders 3, at Carolina 2
Game 6: Carolina 2, at N.Y. Islanders 1 (OT)

DEVILS ELIMINATED RANGERS, 4-3
Game 1: N.Y. Rangers 5, at New Jersey 1
Game 2: N.Y. Rangers 5, at New Jersey 1
Game 3: New Jersey 2, at N.Y. Rangers 1 (OT)
Game 4: New Jersey 3, at N.Y. Rangers 1
Game 5: at New Jersey 4, N.Y. Rangers 0
Game 6: at N.Y. Rangers 5, New Jersey 2
Game 7: at New Jersey 4, N.Y. Rangers 0

MAPLE LEAFS ELIMINATED LIGHTNING, 4-2
Game 1: Tampa Bay 7, at Toronto 3
Game 2: at Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 2
Game 3: Toronto 4, at Tampa Bay 3 (OT)
Game 4: Toronto 5, at Tampa Bay 4 (OT)
Game 5: Tampa Bay 4, at Toronto 2
Game 6: Toronto 2, at Tampa Bay 1 (OT)

WESTERN CONFERENCE
OILERS ELIMINATED KINGS, 4-2
Game 1: Los Angeles 4, at Edmonton 3 (OT)
Game 2: at Edmonton 4, Los Angeles 2
Game 3: at Los Angeles 3, Edmonton 2 (OT)
Game 4: Edmonton 5, at Los Angeles 4 (OT)
Game 5: at Edmonton 6, Los Angeles 3
Game 6: Edmonton 5, at Los Angeles 4

STARS ELIMINATED WILD, 4-2
Game 1: Minnesota 3, at Dallas 2 (2OT)
Game 2: at Dallas 7, Minnesota 3
Game 3: at Minnesota 5, Dallas 1
Game 4: Dallas 3, at Minnesota 2
Game 5: at Dallas 4, Minnesota 0
Game 6: Dallas 4, at Minnesota 1

KRAKEN ELIMINATED AVALANCHE, 4-3
Game 1: Seattle 3 at Colorado 1
Game 2: at Colorado 3, Seattle 2
Game 3: Colorado 6, at Seattle 4
Game 4: at Seattle 3, Colorado 2
Game 5: Seattle 3, at Colorado 2
Game 6: Colorado 4, at Seattle 1
Game 7: Seattle 2, at Colorado 1

GOLDEN KNIGHTS ELIMINATED JETS, 4-1
Game 1: Winnipeg 5, at Vegas 1
Game 2: at Vegas 5, Winnipeg 2
Game 3: Vegas 5, at Winnipeg 4 (2OT)
Game 4: Vegas 4, at Winnipeg 2
Game 5: at Vegas 4, Winnipeg 1

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
PANTHERS ELIMINATED MAPLE LEAFS, 4-1
Game 1: Florida 4, at Toronto 2
Game 2: Florida 3, at Toronto 2
Game 3: at Florida 3, Toronto 2 (OT)
Game 4: Toronto 2, at Florida 1
Game 5: Florida 3, at Toronto 2 (OT)

HURRICANES ELIMINATED DEVILS, 4-1
Game 1: at Carolina 5, New Jersey 1
Game 2: at Carolina 6, New Jersey 1
Game 3: at New Jersey 8, Carolina 4
Game 4: Carolina 6, at New Jersey 1
Game 5: at Carolina 3, New Jersey 2 (OT)

WESTERN CONFERENCE
GOLDEN KNIGHTS ELIMINATED OILERS, 4-2
Game 1: at Vegas 6, Edmonton 4
Game 2: Edmonton 5, at Vegas 1
Game 3: Vegas 5, at Edmonton 1
Game 4: at Edmonton 4, Vegas 1
Game 5: at Vegas 4, Edmonton 3
Game 6: Vegas 5, at Edmonton 2

STARS ELIMINATED KRAKEN, 4-3
Game 1: Seattle 5, at Dallas 4 (OT)
Game 2: at Dallas 4, Seattle 2
Game 3: at Seattle 7, Dallas 2
Game 4: Dallas 6, at Seattle 3
Game 5: at Dallas 5, Seattle 2
Game 6: at Seattle 6, Dallas 3
Game 7: at Dallas 2, Seattle 1

CONFERENCE FINALS
Best of seven; x-If necessary.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
PANTHERS LEAD HURRICANES, 1-0
Game 1: Florida 3, at Carolina 2 (4OT)
Saturday's game: Florida at Carolina, 8, TNT
Monday's game: Carolina at Florida, 8, TNT
Wednesday's game: Carolina at Florida, 8, TNT
x-Friday's game: Florida at Carolina, 8, TNT
x-Sunday, May 28: Carolina at Florida, 8, TNT
x-Tuesday, May 30: Florida at Carolina, 8, TNT

WESTERN CONFERENCE
GOLDEN KNIGHTS LEAD STARS, 1-0
Game 1: at Vegas 4, Dallas 3 (OT)
Sunday's game: Dallas at Vegas, 3, ABC
Tuesday's game: Vegas at Dallas, 8, ESPN
Thursday's game: Vegas at Dallas, 8, ESPN
x-Saturday, May 27: Dallas at Vegas, 8, ABC
x-Monday, May 29: Vegas at Dallas, 8, ESPN
x-Wenesday, May 31: Dallas at Vegas, 9, ESPN

STANLEY CUP FINALS
TBD

Golden Knights 4, Stars 3 (OT)

	1	2	3	OT	F
DALLAS	1	0	2	0	3
VEGAS	0	1	2	1	4

FIRST PERIOD
Scoring: 1, Dallas, Robertson 3 (Hintz), 18:44.

SECOND PERIOD
Scoring: 2, Vegas, Karlsson 6 (Roy, Whitecloud), 9:17.

THIRD PERIOD
Scoring: 3, Vegas, Karlsson 7 (Pietrangelo, Martinez), 1:19. 4, Dallas, Hintz 10 (Pavelski, Robertson), 4:01. 5, Vegas, Blueger 1 (Whitecloud, Kolesar), 9:20. 6, Dallas, Benn 3 (Hintz, Pavelski), 18:01.

OVERTIME
Scoring: 7, Vegas, Howden 3 (Stone, Stephenson), 1:35.

SHOTS ON GOAL

	1	2	3	OT	T
DALLAS	13	7	16	0	36
VEGAS	17	11	8	1	37

Power-play opportunities: Dallas 0 of 2; Vegas 0 of 1. **Goalies:** Dallas, Oettinger 8-6-0 (37 shots-33 saves). Vegas, Hill 4-1-0 (36-33). **A:** 18,271 (17,367). **T:** 2:51.

PRO FOOTBALL

USFL

NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Jersey	2	3	0	.400	96	87
Pittsburgh	2	3	0	.400	82	86
Michigan	2	3	0	.400	83	103
Philadelphia	2	3	0	.400	90	130

SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	4	1	0	.800	135	111
Houston	3	2	0	.600	142	129
Birmingham	3	2	0	.600	144	104
Memphis	2	3	0	.400	97	119

WEEK 5
SATURDAY, MAY 13
Pittsburgh 23, at Michigan 7
Houston 27, at Birmingham 20

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Philadelphia 24, New Jersey 21
Memphis 17, at New Orleans 10

WEEK 6
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Pittsburgh at Memphis, 12:30
Birmingham at Michigan, 4

SUNDAY'S GAMES
New Orleans at Philadelphia, noon
New Jersey at Houston, 4

WEEK 7
SATURDAY, MAY 27
Birmingham at New Orleans, 4
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 9

SUNDAY, MAY 28
Houston at Memphis, 2:30
Michigan at New Jersey, 5:30

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Cup Series

POINTS LEADERS
Through Monday.
1. Ross Chastain, 429.
2. Christopher Bell, 402.
3. Kevin Harvick, 400.
4. Denny Hamlin, 393.
5. William Byron, 387.
6. Martin Truex Jr, 385.
7. Ryan Blaney, 381.
8. Tyler Reddick, 371.
9. Brad Keselowski, 365.
10. Kyle Larson, 363.
11. Kyle Busch, 353.
12. Joey Logano, 334.

SOCCER

MLS

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Cincinnati	8	1	3	27	18	12
New England	7	2	3	24	19	11
Nashville	6	3	4	22	17	8
Atlanta	6	4	3	21	25	21
Columbus	5	4	3	18	23	14
Philadelphia	5	4	3	18	17	14
Charlotte FC	5	5	3	18	18	23
D.C. United	4	5	4	16	16	16
New York City FC	4	5	4	16	15	16
Orlando City	4	4	4	16	13	15
Inter Miami CF	5	7	0	15	13	14
CF Montréal	5	7	0	15	11	20
Chicago	3	4	5	14	15	18
New York	2	4	7	13	8	11
Toronto FC	2	4	7	13	13	17

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	7	4	2	23	20	11
Los Angeles FC	6	1	4	22	21	9
FC Dallas	6	3	3	21	15	12
St. Louis City SC	6	4	1	19	22	13
San Jose	5	4	3	18	16	16
Portland	4	5	4	16	18	19
Minnesota United	4	5	3	15	11	14
Houston	4	5	2	14	10	10
Vancouver	3	4	5	14	16	14
Austin FC	3	5	4	13	12	18
Real Salt Lake	3	6	3	12	10	20
Colorado	2	5	6	12	10	18
Sporting KC	2	7	4	10	9	17
LA Galaxy	2	7	3	9	10	20

SUNDAY'S RESULT
at LA Galaxy 2, San Jose 1

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
D.C. United 0, at Philadelphia 0
at Atlanta 4, Colorado 0
at Charlotte FC 2, Chicago 1
at Cincinnati 3, CF Montréal 0
at Columbus 2, LA Galaxy 0
New York City FC 1, Orlando City 1
New York 0, at Toronto FC 0
at FC Dallas 2, Vancouver 1
at Minnesota 1, Houston 0
at Nashville 2, Miami 1
Portland 0, at Real Salt Lake 0
Sporting KC 1, at Los Angeles FC 1
Austin FC 2, at Seattle 1

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
LA Galaxy at D.C. United, 7:30
Nashville at Charlotte FC, 7:30
Columbus at Cincinnati, 7:30
Orlando City at Miami, 7:30
CF Montréal at New York, 7:30
New England at Philadelphia, 7:30
Toronto FC at Austin FC, 8:30
Atlanta at Chicago, 8:30
Houston at FC Dallas, 8:30
Real Salt Lake at Colorado, 9:30
Sporting KC at St. Louis City SC, 9:30
San Jose at Los Angeles FC, 10:30
Minnesota at Portland, 10:30
Seattle at Vancouver, 10:30

SATURDAY, MAY 27
D.C. United at Toronto FC, 7:30
Miami at CF Montréal, 7:30
Chicago at New England, 7:30
Philadelphia at New York City FC, 7:30
Atlanta at Orlando City, 7:30
Austin FC at Houston, 8:30
Real Salt Lake at Minnesota, 8:30
Vancouver at St. Louis City SC, 8:30
Cincinnati at Colorado, 9:30
Charlotte FC at LA Galaxy, 10:30
FC Dallas at San Jose, 10:30
New York at Seattle, 10:30

SUNDAY, MAY 28
Portland at Sporting KC, 3
Columbus at Nashville, 8:30

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	4	0	3	15	10	5
OL Reign	4	2	1	13	12	6
Gotham FC	4	2	1	13	7	6
Portland	3	1	3	12	18	10
San Diego	4	3	0	12	12	10
North Carolina	3	3	1	10	8	9
Houston	2	2	3	9	5	6
Angel City	2	3	2	8	11	13
Louisville	1	2	4	7	9	9
Orlando	2	4	1	7	5	11
Kansas City	2	5	0	6	9	14
Chicago	1	5	1	4	11	18

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
North Carolina 1, OL Reign 0
Orlando 0, Gotham FC 0
San Diego 2, Kansas City 0

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Washington at Orlando, 7
Angel City at North Carolina, 7
Louisville at Kansas City, 8
San Diego at Houston, 8:30

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Chicago at Portland, 5
Gotham FC at OL Reign, 6

FRIDAY'S MATCHES
Houston at Kansas City, 8
Portland at San Diego, 10

SATURDAY, MAY 27
Angel City at OL Reign, 3:30
North Carolina at Louisville, 8
Orlando at Chicago, 8

SUNDAY, MAY 28
Gotham FC at Washington, 5

COLLEGE LACROSSE

NCAA men's tournament

PLAY-IN GAME
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10
at Delaware 25, Marist 10

FIRST ROUND
SATURDAY, MAY 13
at Virginia 17, Richmond 8
at Notre Dame 20, Utah 7
at Georgetown 19, Yale 17
Army 16, at Maryland 15

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Johns Hopkins 22, Bryant 8
Michigan 15, at Cornell 14 (OT)
at Duke 12, Delaware 11
at Penn State 13, Princeton 12

QUARTERFINALS
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Virginia vs. Georgetown, noon, ESPNU
Michigan vs. Duke, 2:30, ESPNU

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Army vs. Penn State, noon, ESPNU
Johns Hopkins vs. Notre Dame, 2:30, ESPNU

SEMIFINALS
AT LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD, PHILADELPHIA
SATURDAY, MAY 27
TBA, noon, ESPNU
TBA, 2:30, ESPNU

CHAMPIONSHIP
AT LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD, PHILADELPHIA
MONDAY, MAY 29
TBA, 1, ESPNU

NCAA women's tournament

FIRST ROUND
FRIDAY, MAY 12
Pennsylvania 13, Connecticut 8
Johns Hopkins 19, Massachusetts 8
at James Madison 12, Army 8
at North Carolina 16, Sacred Heart 5
at Loyola (Md.) 11, Fairfield 6
Michigan 13, Central Michigan 6
at Florida 13, Jacksonville 7
Maryland 11, Drexel 6
Richmond 18, Marquette 8
at Denver 10, Southern California 7
Stony Brook 12, Penn State 8
Notre Dame 21, Mercer 6
Albany 16, Virginia 14

SECOND ROUND
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at North Carolina 16, Richmond 12
Notre Dame 16, at Florida 15
at Northwestern 8, Michigan 7
at James Madison 15, Maryland 14
at Boston College 9, Pennsylvania 7
at Loyola (Md.) 9, Stony Brook 8
at Syracuse 25, Johns Hopkins 8
at Denver 8, Albany 6

QUARTERFINALS
THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Syracuse 13, James Madison 7
Boston College 20, Notre Dame 6
Denver 5, North Carolina 4
Northwestern 16, Loyola (Md.) 6

SEMIFINALS
AT WAKEMED SOCCER PARK, CARY, N.C.
FRIDAY, MAY 26
Northwestern vs. Denver, 3, ESPNU
Boston College vs. Syracuse, 5:30, ESPNU

CHAMPIONSHIP
AT WAKEMED SOCCER PARK, CARY, N.C.
SUNDAY, MAY 28
TBA, noon, ESPN

GOLF

PGA Championship

At Oak Hill — East; In Rochester, N.Y.
Purse: $15 million
Yardage: 7,394; **Par:** 70

SECOND ROUND

Player	R1	R2	Total	Par
Corey Conners, Canada	67	68	135	-5
Viktor Hovland, Norway	68	67	135	-5
Scottie Scheffler, United States	67	68	135	-5
Bryson DeChambeau, United States	66	71	137	-3
Justin Suh, United States	69	68	137	-3
Brooks Koepka, United States	72	66	138	-2
Callum Tarren, England	71	67	138	-2
Taylor Pendrith, Canada	70	69	139	-1
Justin Rose, England	69	70	139	-1
Michael Block, United States	70	70	140	E
Keegan Bradley, United States	68	72	140	E
Min Woo Lee, Australia	73	67	140	E
Shane Lowry, Ireland	73	67	140	E
Rory McIlroy, Northern Ireland	71	69	140	E
Keith Mitchell, United States	69	71	140	E
Matthew NeSmith, United States	70	70	140	E
Sepp Straka, Austria	69	71	140	E
Adam Svensson, Canada	70	70	140	E
Patrick Cantlay, United States	74	67	141	+1
Eric Cole, United States	67	74	141	+1
Cameron Davis, Australia	71	70	141	+1
Ryan Fox, New Zealand	68	73	141	+1
Beau Hossler, United States	71	70	141	+1
Dustin Johnson, United States	67	74	141	+1
Kurt Kitayama, United States	70	71	141	+1
Kyoung-Hoon Lee, South Korea	73	68	141	+1
Collin Morikawa, United States	71	70	141	+1
Mito Pereira, Chile	72	69	141	+1
Harold Varner III, United States	70	71	141	+1
Stephan Jaeger, Germany	72	70	142	+2
Victor Perez, France	70	72	142	+2
J.T. Poston, United States	72	70	142	+2
Adam Scott, Australia	68	74	142	+2
Sahith Theegala, United States	71	71	142	+2
Hayden Buckley, United States	69	74	143	+3
Joel Dahmen, United States	74	69	143	+3
Tommy Fleetwood, England	72	71	143	+3
Adam Hadwin, Canada	70	73	143	+3
Padraig Harrington, Ireland	72	71	143	+3
Nicolai Hojgaard, Denmark	76	67	143	+3
Max Homa, United States	71	72	143	+3
Sihwan Kim, United States	75	68	143	+3
Hideki Matsuyama, Japan	72	71	143	+3
Taylor Moore, United States	74	69	143	+3
Patrick Reed, United States	72	71	143	+3
Sam Stevens, United States	71	72	143	+3
Matt Wallace, England	73	70	143	+3
Dean Burmester, South Africa	73	71	144	+4
Lucas Herbert, Australia	75	69	144	+4
Tom Hoge, United States	74	70	144	+4
Pablo Larrazabal, Spain	69	75	144	+4
Thriston Lawrence, South Africa	75	69	144	+4
Adrian Meronk, Poland	75	69	144	+4
Jon Rahm, Spain	76	68	144	+4
Chez Reavie, United States	76	68	144	+4
Xander Schauffele, United States	72	72	144	+4
Cameron Smith, Australia	72	72	144	+4
Ben Taylor, England	72	72	144	+4
Thomas Detry, Belgium	74	71	145	+5
Tony Finau, United States	72	73	145	+5
Tyrrell Hatton, England	77	68	145	+5
Kazuki Higa, Japan	72	73	145	+5
Lee Hodges, United States	75	70	145	+5
Rikuya Hoshino, Japan	75	70	145	+5
Mark Hubbard, United States	71	74	145	+5
Zach Johnson, United States	74	71	145	+5
Chris Kirk, United States	70	75	145	+5
Denny McCarthy, United States	75	70	145	+5
Phil Mickelson, United States	73	72	145	+5
Taylor Montgomery, United States	75	70	145	+5
Yannik Paul, Germany	76	69	145	+5
Thomas Pieters, Belgium	69	76	145	+5
Patrick Rodgers, United States	70	75	145	+5
Alex Smalley, United States	73	72	145	+5
Jordan Spieth, United States	73	72	145	+5
Justin Thomas, United States	72	73	145	+5

MISSED CUT

Player	R1	R2	Total	Par
Adri Arnaus, Spain	76	70	146	+6
Christiaan Bezuidenhout, S. Africa	73	73	146	+6
Matt Fitzpatrick, England	76	70	146	+6
Rickie Fowler, United States	73	73	146	+6
Brian Harman, United States	72	74	146	+6
Billy Horschel, United States	71	75	146	+6
Si Woo Kim, South Korea	73	73	146	+6
Andrew Putnam, United States	74	72	146	+6
Jordan L. Smith, England	73	73	146	+6
Brendan Steele, United States	72	74	146	+6
Davis Thompson, United States	77	69	146	+6
Luke Donald, England	72	75	147	+7
Ben Griffin, United States	75	72	147	+7
Russell Henley, United States	73	74	147	+7
Matt Kuchar, United States	74	73	147	+7
Anirban Lahiri, India	74	73	147	+7
Francesco Molinari, Italy	74	73	147	+7
Alex Noren, Sweden	74	73	147	+7
Davis Riley, United States	72	75	147	+7
Nick Taylor, Canada	71	76	147	+7
Brendon Todd, United States	76	71	147	+7
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Chris Sanger, United States	84	81	165	+25

TENNIS

ATP/WTA

ITALIAN OPEN
At Foro Italico; In Rome
Purse: $8,448,771
Surface: Red clay

WOMEN'S SINGLES — SEMIFINALS
Anhelina Kalinina (30), Ukraine, def. Veronika Kudermetova (11), Russia, 7-5, 5-7, 6-2; Elena Rybakina (7), Kazakhstan, def. Jelena Ostapenko (20), Latvia, 6-2, 6-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES — SEMIFINALS
Hugo Nys, Monaco, and Jan Zielinski, Poland, def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, and Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, 6-3, 7-5; Robin Haase and Botic Van de Zandschulp, Netherlands, def. Wesley Koolhof, Netherlands, and Neal Skupski (1), Britain, 7-6 (7-2), 6-4.

WTA

TROPHEE CLARINS
At Lagardere Paris Racing Club; In Paris
Purse: $115,000
Surface: Red clay

SINGLES — QUARTERFINALS
Caty McNally (6), United States, def. Nao Hibino, Japan, 6-2, 5-3, ret; Varvara Gracheva (2), Russia, def. Kamilla Rakhimova (9), Russia, 6-2, 7-5; Diane Parry, France, def. Linda Noskova (4), Czech Republic, 7-5, 6-2; Katie Volynets, United States, def. Alize Cornet (7), France, 7-5, 2-6, 6-2.

DOUBLES — QUARTERFINALS
Vera Zvonareva, Russia, and Anna Danilina, Kazakhstan, def. Jang Su Jeong, South Korea, and Zhaoxuan Yang, China, 6-3, 4-6, 10-7; Nadiia Kichenok, Ukraine, and Alycia Parks (1), United States, def. Alicja Rosolska, Poland, and Olivia Nicholls, Britain, 3-6, 7-6 (7-4), 12-10.

TRANSACTIONS

NFL

Arizona Cardinals: Signed WR Brian Cobbs and DB Garrett Williams.
Buffalo Bills: Named Malik Boyd senior personnel advisor, Chris Morrow and Curtis Rukavina co-directors of pro scouting, Luke Dawson senior executive and A.J. Highsmith national scout.
Kansas City Chiefs: Signed DE Felix Anudike-Uzomah.

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PUBLIC AUCTION OF FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF REAL ESTATE IN COOPERATION WITH THE MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY

Under the provisions of Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

AUCTION TO BE CONDUCTED: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the premises. Please follow directional signage. The auction will commence with registration beginning at 11:30 a.m.

OPEN HOUSE: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

SUBJECT: 100 Summit Avenue Hagerstown, MD 21740. Property is a relatively flat parcel of 1.773 acres +/- consisting of an office building (53,514 GBA) and loading dock area. Property is serviced by public water, sewer, electrical and telephone. Building façade is stucco and glass. Constructed in 1979 as a newspaper printing press. It is currently used as an event venue, newspaper distribution and administration office. Acquired by the Maryland Stadium Authority ("MSA") solely for the adjacent parking lot needed for the Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility ("HMUSEF") project. The building is not required for the construction of the HMUSEF.

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This sale is governed by the Offer for purchase of Fee Simple Property. Any questions regarding the auction may be directed to:

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